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Police cleared of rigging Guildford Four evidence

By Richard Duce and Frances Gibb

THE Guildford Four were last night at the centre of a new legal debate after three former detectives were cleared of fabricating evidence during their trial 18 years ago.

The four condemned the not guilty verdicts and said they had lost any faith in British justice, claiming the policemen's defence had effectively turned the case into the four's retrial. The aquittal yesterday of Vernon Attwell, John Donaldson and Thomas Style has cast a shadow over the Court of Appeal's decision to free the four in 1989.

In brilliant sunshine outside the Old Bailey yesterday, the three former Surrey detectives strolled to freedom all but unnoticed apart from the waiting press — a stark contrast to the cheering, flag-waving crowd that thronged the same street when the Guildford Four were released after 14 years in jail. But at the Police Federation conference in Blackpool, the verdict was greeted with a roar of approval by 2,000 officers.

The appeal court freed the alleged IRA bombers, Patrick Armstrong, Gerard Conlon, Paul Hill and Carole Richardson, on the grounds that the detectives appeared to have manufacured notes of confession evidence, but yesterday a jury cleared them of the charge.

Mr Conlon said after the verdicts: "Our names have been slurred all over again. They have said we are all guilty. This trial was a reconviction of the Guildford Four, not the trial of three policemen on perverting the course of justice and fabricating evidence."

Mr Armstrong told a news conference: "I am very bitter. I think I have been re-tried. I am very angry at the verdict. I have no faith at all in British justice." Paul Hill said: "I realise that the detectives were just scapegoats. But now nobody, not one single person, has been made accountable for the things that happened to us. We were the only ones to suffer, and we are innocent."

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, said: "I think we should accept the verdict of the jury, who have heard all the evidence, have been properly directed by the judge, and not just listened to campaigners who have made their minds up."

Last night Lord Denning, the former Master of the Rolls, said that many members of the public would query the appeal court's decision to set aside the convictions. "I think it was very wrong that the police officers were ever accused. I have always had complete confidence in the police testimony in the Guildford case."

But there was a consensus among lawyers that the police acquittals had no impact on the quashing of the Guildford Four's convictions and did not mean that the four were guilty of anything. Lord Williams QC, former Bar council chairman and a Labour spokesman on legal affairs, said: "The mere fact that the officers were acquitted should not be taken to imply that the Guildford Four defendants were guilty."

Lord Williams said that the verdict raised questions on how such cases should be handled. In serious cases there should be video-taping of police interviews to end argument about who said what. "People will say it's expensive, but it's a lot less expensive than endless retrials and endless erosion of confidence in our legal system."

After the verdicts on the policemen, the trial judge, Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny, said in a clear signal to the May enquiry into miscarriages of justice: "It seems to me that both the public and certainly those involved in the legal side would not wish to gaze at the entrails of this case further."

The policemen's defence argued successfully that the officers had no need to manufacture evidence when the case against Mr Armstrong, who was alleged to have planted one bomb and to have been involved in another bombing, was so strong. Evidence against the four, including long alleged confessions made to Sir Peter Imbert, the former Metropolitan Commissioner, was produced which had not been presented to the appeal court four years ago.

Mr Style said in a statement yesterday: "One thing that has sustained us throughout is the unshakeable knowledge that we did not lie. We told the truth."

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JAMES HORTON

Taxi to freedom: the three former detectives, from left Vernon Atwell, John Donaldson and Thomas Style, leaving the Old Bailey yesterday

Clarke heckled by police conference

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, was heckled when he defended his plans for police and criminal justice reform at the annual conference of the Police Federation in Blackpool. His audience jeered when he outlined changes planned for disciplinary regulations.....Page 2

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British camp in crossfire of Croat onslaught

From Michael Evans in Vitez

A FEROCIOUS "ethnic cleansing" operation by Croats using mortars and machineguns against Muslim families was carried out at dawn yesterday, under the noses of the British camp here.

For two hours, from 5.30am, the whole area around the camp was screaming with high-velocity rifle fire, rocket-propelled grenades, mortar shells, and 12.7mm machinegun fire.

Within minutes the small Muslim community known as Bazen, next to the Croat-owned house where I am staying opposite the British camp, was filled with burning homes. The nearest house to mine was hit by a mortar shell fired from a Croat militia position near a church on a hill south of the British camp. One mortar shell destroyed a house only 50 yards from the main gate of the camp beside the road leading out of Vitez.

An armoured Warrior patrol, which went to investigate later in the day, discovered a house that had been hit by an RPG7 rocket-propelled grenade. The grenade had gone through a barn and struck the house, skimming across a ceiling and exploding as it hit a wall.

A pool of blood spread across the intervening courtyard. The body of a man lay around the corner.

A British medical unit drove into the area amid the sound of heavy machinegun fire, and retrieved the body, which had been wrapped in a blanket. They placed it in a body bag.

Only one Muslim was confirmed dead by the British, but there may have been up to four others killed and several injured. Four houses were burnt, and six more ransacked. Two

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Top awards for Times writers

■ *The Times* has won two major categories in the British Press Awards, further recognition for *The Times* as the home of *outstanding writing*

■ Simon Jenkins is *columnist of the year* and Anatole Kaletsky *specialist writer of the year*. Three *Times* writers were short-listed. The awards, presented



Simon Jenkins

in London yesterday, are the Oscars of British journalism

■ Simon Jenkins, the judges said, "is never afraid to argue the unfashionable, to question the prevailing wisdoms, but always does so with persuasion and great style". The judges



Anatole Kaletsky

said of Anatole Kaletsky: "If Norman Lamont had listened to him, we wouldn't have got into this mess"

■ The short-listed *Times* writers were Valerie Grove, Joe Joseph and Alice Thomson

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Major cool on ERM re-entry

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

JOHN Major yesterday placed Britain's return to the European exchange rate mechanism on indefinite hold as he launched his attempt to reunite the Tory party after its Maastricht turmoil.

Buoyed by the Danish referendum result but anxious to contain the risk of future revolt, the prime minister put himself on a collision course with France and other EC countries by making plain that he regards re-entry as a highly distant prospect.

The French government yesterday called on Britain to rejoin the ERM. But using his firmest language so far in rejecting an early return, Mr Major said there was no likelihood even of considering the possibility of re-entry in present circumstances.

He said in a BBC radio interview: "The conditions for considering re-entry, let alone re-entering, simply do not apply at the moment, and in my judgment are unlikely to apply for some time."

Mr Major's remarks, clearly addressed to his domestic political audience, will concern some EC countries, as will his statement later in a Channel 4 interview that the current EC timetable for economic and monetary union is unrealistic.

But they reflect the cabinet's judgment that any move to return to the ERM in the foreseeable future would not get through the Conservative party. Even Kenneth Clarke, one of cabinet's most ardent Europeans, has suggested that Britain is unlikely to go back in before the next general election. Mr Major said the ERM was an "inadequate instrument that we could not re-enter" in today's circumstances.

In a series of interviews Mr Major adopted a conciliatory attitude towards the rebels inside his party, trying to prepare the ground for a calmer period in what his colleagues are calling "life after Maastricht".

But it is unlikely to be reciprocated tonight when the Commons stages the third

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Vitamin E pills 'may cut heart risk'

By Jeremy Laurance Health Services Correspondent

VITAMIN E pills taken as a supplement to the diet may cut the risk of heart disease by a third, according to two of the largest studies of the vitamin yet undertaken.

The American studies, involving almost 40,000 men and more than 80,000 women, are published in today's *New England Journal of Medicine*. They provide the strongest evidence so far of the protective effect of the vitamin. The results reveal that only those who took supplements of at least 100 units a day, about eight times the American recommended daily amount, for at least two years showed a significant reduction in risk. (There is no official British recommendation for vitamin E.) The protective effect was the same for men and women.

The men in the studies were monitored for four years, while the women were checked for eight years. There was little or no benefit for those whose natural diet was high in vitamin E — found in margarine, vegetables and nuts — because they could never consume enough to achieve the same protection as the supplements. Vitamin C supplements had little or no protective effect.

British experts welcomed the research, but urged some caution. "It is unquestionably a very interesting finding, but it needs verification by a clinical trial," Professor Desmond Julian, director of the British Heart Foundation, said. "You can never be sure that the people taking the vitamin are not doing something else that brings the protection. I certainly don't feel we can advise patients to take the supplements."

Pensioners' prescription shock

AN END to automatic free prescriptions for pensioners and children was floated yesterday as the Treasury delivered its grimmest warning about the state of the nation's finances. Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, said that the deterioration in the government's bank balance meant that Britain had the highest deficit in the EC.....Page 10

Calculator adds up to a £8m bid

By Alison Roberts Arts Reporter

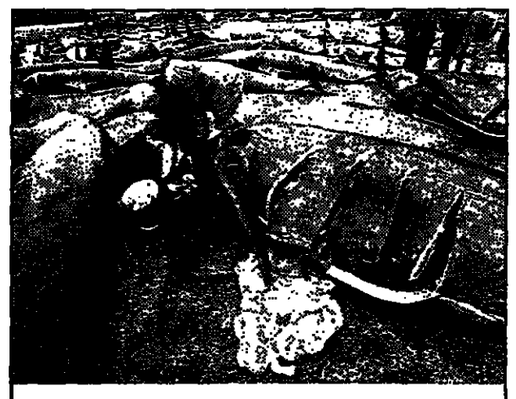
A RARE 19th-century mechanical calculator, expected to raise no more than £20,000 at auction, was sold for almost £8 million yesterday in a bout of unprecedented competitive bidding which stunned staff at Christie's.

Two bidders were determined to secure the gilt and

The £8m calculator

lacquered instrument, made by the German Johann Christoph Schuster. The sale ended when one of the telephone bidders, the Swiss collector Edgar Mannheimer, raised the price to £7,701,500 — an auction record for any scientific instrument.

The machine came from a "family of an astronomer and mathematician in the service of an Indian prince, and then by descent", Christie's said.



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Smith dodges split on PR and Labour's trade union links

BY JILL SHERMAN AND PHILIP BASSETT

JOHN Smith, the Labour leader, yesterday promised a referendum on proportional representation as he tried to head off internal splits on electoral reform and Labour's links with the trade unions.

Mr Smith put forward a compromise plan to reform union links by cutting the membership fee, with reduced rates for union levy payers, as a way of boosting recruitment.

Mr Smith also pledged that a Labour government would hold a referendum on electoral reform while making clear that he was not yet convinced that change was necessary. He did not accept the recommendation by the Plant committee for a limited form of PR, the supplementary vote, although he called for a full debate on the report, which will now go out for consultation.

Mr Smith's smart footwork on both fronts was last night welcomed by both modernisers and traditionalists. PR campaigners claimed that the door was still open for reform, while trade unionists accepted Mr Smith's plan on membership as the best deal they would get for keeping a link with the party.

Mr Smith had been heading for a confrontation with union leaders and probable defeat at the party conference this September over his plans to introduce one member, one vote (Omov) for selection of parliamentary candidates.

Yesterday, Mr Smith stood by his plan for Omov "as the guiding principle of our party democracy". However, in a statement to Labour's national executive committee (NEC), he offered a way out for the unions by calling for a mass membership drive based on a lower party subscription.

The Labour leader further suggested altering the rule that prevent new members from voting for the selection of parliamentary candidates for 12 months so that they could take part in next year's selection procedures.

He also proposed that union members who paid the political levy should be offered full party membership at a reduced rate under a "levy plus" system. "I am anxious to see many more trade unionists actively involved in the decisions of the party," he said.

All members would have the same right in regard to selection of candidates and any issues on which the membership voted, Mr Smith said. The changes would enhance union participation in a way that was consistent with, and extended, the principle of one member, one vote.

With Labour membership at a post-war low of 253,000, reformers such as Tony Blair and Gordon Brown have been leading the campaign for a mass membership. However, Mr Smith's plan to reduce the membership fee from £18 to £9 is a high-risk strategy when the party is in such financial difficulties.

The main unions yesterday reluctantly accepted the compromise, reducing the chance of confrontation in September. The compromise, which is expected to be supported by the NEC and put to conference in September, was said to be the result of a deal worked out privately between Labour and union leaders.

The plan was endorsed at a meeting yesterday morning of six unions, including the Transport and General and the GMB unions, who have been most antagonistic, before it was put to the national executive committee.

While the trade unions reaffirmed their opposition to one member one vote, they made clear that they would support the "levy plus" scheme, which allows them to maintain their involvement in the selection of the party leader and parliamentary candidates — but on an individual basis.

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Tories condemn secret donations

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SECRECY surrounding donations to Conservative coffers was roundly condemned by an influential group of party members yesterday.

With Conservative Central Office's overdraft alleged to total £19 million, the reforming Charter Movement accused Sir Norman Fowler, party chairman, of being "economical with the truth" over the state of funds.

The censure comes as Sir Norman and the party treasurer Tim Smith prepare to be questioned by the Commons home affairs committee on Conservative finances. As part of the committee's enquiry into party funding, MPs are expected to ask next month about their rules and checks on benefactors, such as the discredited tycoon Asil Nadir.

Party officials have agreed to publish a balance sheet for the first time in the autumn. However, it will not divulge names of individual donors.

In a damning indictment on the party headquarters, the Charter Movement continued its long campaign for accountability.

"The Conservative party should not be financed from abroad." Charter said. "It should not be financed by or on behalf of foreign governments. It should not be financed by those who have no vote in the UK elections.

"It should not be financed in a furtive way. It should not be financed by excessively large donations or loans from those who are not prepared to be publicly identified. It should not be financed without proper accounts to its members, for its income, its expenditure and its reserves (or its debts)."

The movement adds that it could not be right for members of the governing political party to have less extensive rights than those given to trade unionists by Conservative governments.

Despite the state of party funds, the movement says, "nobody has been held responsible, nobody has said sorry and most of the professionals who used to be in charge are still in charge".

It accuses officials of pretending for years that the growing overdraft was not a serious matter, and says: "Sometimes they refuse to admit that Central Office is in debt at all while, at the same time, refusing to explain how — with accumulated deficits of some £20 million — this could possibly be so."

PETER LOMAS



Larger than life: Mr Clarke addresses the Police Federation conference yesterday

Police hecklers mock Clarke

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

HECKLING and derisory laughter greeted Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, yesterday as he defended his plans for police and criminal justice reforms to the annual conference of the Police Federation.

Mr Clarke drew loud laughter when he said he did not know in advance the recommendations of the Sheehy enquiry into police pay and conditions. There were shouts from the audience when he outlined plans to change police discipline rules and heckling when he defended his policy of not giving the police new types of batons.

The conference, at Blackpool, had earlier voted to press for wider issue of firearms if better training and defensive weapons were not given to police but the home secretary urged officers not to be seduced into supporting weapons that were unacceptable, such as the side-armed baton.

Mr Clarke had been expected to offer trials for the batons, which are now being widely supported within the police. The home secretary stood his ground and did not change his mind.

After a largely conciliatory speech to the federation, representing 120,000 junior ranks, Mr Clarke said that he had received worse jeering from nurses when he was health minister. Alluding to the comment on Tuesday by Michael Bennett, chairman of the London branch of the federation, that he was a rude, arrogant snob and that putting him in charge of policing was like giving Mothercare to King Herod, Mr Clarke said the joke was not even original and that it was the first time he had been called a snob.

In his speech Mr Clarke said that the public and the police did not want the police service to fossilise. His plans were not aimed at reforming policemen and women but the structure in which they worked.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Mr Sainsbury goes swashbuckling

Harry Greenway (C, Ealing N) asked industry minister Tim Sainsbury yesterday whether he could "particularly encourage small businesses" and Mr Sainsbury replied that the government did all it could.

In this he was surely correct. No government in history has created more small businesses! British Coal, British Steel, British Shipbuilding . . .

But perhaps that was not what the minister meant. He was in swashbuckling mood yesterday — swashbuckling, that is, for a minister who has become a byword at Westminster for cautious urbanity.

Mr Sainsbury reminds us of the kind of under-manager you encounter at high-class supermarkets: the chap who would walk briskly over to the check-out counter when the assistant had rung her bell for advice on the price of oranges or the upper limit on payments by Access.

Harry Cohen (Lab, Leyton) had complained to him about rising commodity prices.

Mr Sainsbury saw no evidence of this in food retailing: "For instance", he said, "one of our leading — indeed, Madam Speaker, I think I can say *the* leading supermarket . . " The rest was drowned in laughter. It was a rare moment, for this minister usually steers clear of supermarket jokes.

Madam Speaker decided to add to it. "Mr *Budgen*" she called, to the Tory MP from Wolverhampton. More giggles.

Had there been a Kevin Kwiksave on the Labour benches, this would have been his moment. Mercifully, there were no mace jokes, and the late Marcus Lipton MP is no longer with us.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, was not entirely with us, either. Staring into space, he left most of the questions to his juniors to handle.

But he did rise to reply to Michael Fabricant (C, Mid Staffs) who had asked what plans he had to discuss trade with his Russian counterparts. Mr Heseltine focused momentarily on the question. Russia. Ah yes. "I recently met the Russian deputy prime minister, Mr Shocking."

It sounded like Shocking, anyway. But Mr Fabricant decided to dazzle us with linguistics. What were the long-term and what the short-term benefits from bilateral trade, and meetings with people like "Alexander Nicolaivitch *Ssgghokkeen*"?

Mr Heseltine just gaped. Aware he was supposed to answer, and having forgotten — stunned by Mr Fabricant's verbal gymnastics — to take note of his question, the President of the Board of Trade confessed he had missed his hon friend's drift.

Miss Boothroyd told Mr Fabricant to try again. He repeated the question — a triumphant "Ssgghokkeen". Again the president was thrown. "I am impressed with my hon friend's ability — and articulation!" he gasped, then (floundering): "and he is, er, *very right* to, er, ask the House this, er question. Er."

Maybe somebody whispered "long and short-term benefits, president" to Mr Heseltine: "er, and there are, er, benefits, in the long *and* the short term!" he declared, to a beaming Mr Fabricant.

Later, MPs thrilled to the first by-election cuckoo this spring.

David Rendel (Lib-Dem, Newbury) made his maiden speech. It was polished and graceful.

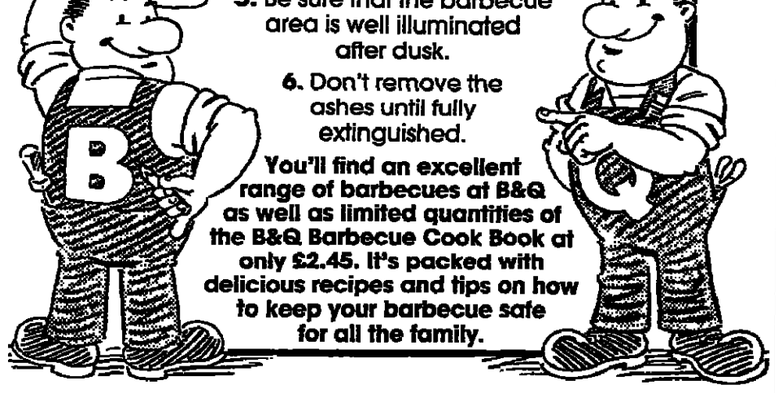
Mr Rendel, a tall, trim Etonian with the sort of 1950s good looks which might have secured him part-time work modelling sweaters for knitting patterns in *The Lady*, speaks with the clipped bonhomie of a *Pathé* newsreader. "Let us join on all sides," he cried, "to save our village post offices!"

Congratulating him in the speech that followed, Michael Brown (C, Brigg & Cleethorpes) implied he would not be staying longer than the next election. On yesterday's showing, I'm not so sure.

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Investors expected to put £1bn in CrossRail

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

PRIVATE investors will be expected to risk at least £1 billion if CrossRail, the biggest rail project to be undertaken in London this century, is to be built.

The government's determination to make the City carry most of the cost of the £1.8 billion project emerged yesterday following John Major's announcement that the bill authorising the project will receive its second reading next month.

Jubilant industrialists, who formed one of the most powerful lobbying groups ever seen in Britain, will be expected to sit down to some hard horse trading when they have overcome their euphoria.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, was armed with a report from the merchant bank S G Warburg as he battled to overcome Treasury opposition to the scheme. The report outlines ways in which it could be funded.

Mr MacGregor is also likely also to have seen a private report commissioned by London Underground from NatWest Markets, which also details how private-sector money could be raised. Both reports are understood to conclude that up to £1 billion could be raised from the private sector.

Warburg suggests that, as with rail privatisation, the track should be owned by Railtrack, the government-owned company, with the trains run by the highest-bidding franchise holders.

NatWest Markets are believed to have suggested forming a private company to be floated on the Stock Exchange.

London Underground and British Rail would own 49 per cent of the stock, with the rest held by shareholders.

☐ British Rail was fined more than £54,000 by Bradford Crown Court yesterday as a result of a crash near Leeds in which two trains collided head-on, leaving 25 passengers injured. It admitted two charges under health and safety legislation of failing to ensure the safety of passengers and staff.

Major sees ERM return far away

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reading on the Maastricht bill, the last vote before it goes to the Lords. With the government certain of victory because of Labour's decision to abstain, up to 45 Tory rebels may enjoy the luxury of a final fling against the bill. They are likely to be joined by up to 60 Labour MPs and members of the minority parties.

The hardliners are in no mood to surrender. Lord Tebbit said the bill could be amended in the Lords and accused ministers of using "deceit and threats" to get the Danes to accept the deal.

"That is very sad to me, because the Danish 'No' vote was the only way out for Mr Major. It was the only way in which the treaty could be defeated without him landing in a somewhat inelegant position. If the treaty is ratified, it will be Mr Major who will be blamed by the British people as the effects of the treaty become clear."

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Times wins two press awards

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

TWO journalists from *The Times* were honoured yesterday in the British Press Awards for 1992. Simon Jenkins, former editor of *The Times*, was named columnist of the year; Anatole Kaletsky won the award for specialist writer.

The award of journalist of the year went to Maggie O'Kane of *The Guardian* for her work in former Yugoslavia. She was also jointly awarded the David Holden international reporter award with her colleague Ed Vulliamy.

"Maggie O'Kane combines powerful writing with great humanity and communicates this with a freshness that has really set her apart this year," the judges said.

The Guardian's third honour — reporter of the year — went to David Hencke, Whitehall correspondent.

The Observer also received three awards: Hugh McIlvanney (sports journalist of the year); Alexander Frater (Arthur Sandles award for travel and leisure writer of the year); and Allister Sparks (the David Blundy award).

The journalist and author Andrew Morton, whose controversial book on the Princess of Wales, *Diana: Her True Story*, dominated the agenda of the press for much of last year, won one of the chairman's awards. The judges described his book as "the seminal work".

Other winners: provincial journalist of the year: Steve Davies, *The Southampton* Advertiser; reporting team: *The Financial Times*, Maxwell investigation team led by Bronwen Maddox; critic of the year: Allison Pearson, *The Independent on Sunday*; magazine writer of the year: Russell Miller, *The Sunday Times*; Cecil King young journalist award: Andrew Malone, *Scotland on Sunday*; feature writer of the year: Lynda Lee-Potter, *The Daily Mail*; chairman's award: Raymond Snoddy, *The Financial Times*.

Survey detects rise in first-time buyers

First-time buyers and those who have been living in privately rented property are returning to the house purchase market, according to a survey published today by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Prices remained steady in March and April, according to 80 per cent of surveyors.

Peter Miller, a spokesman, warned against an "inflationary spiral" in prices. "Our earnest wish is for an active market, which enables properties to be bought and sold within a sensible period," he said. Recovery has yet to be noted in parts of the South East, the survey shows, blaming the "fear of redundancy, recession and negative equity".

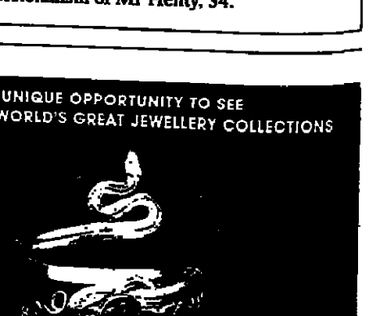
Flying instructor killed

A civilian flying instructor, Pat Bushby, 57, was killed when two single-engined army aircraft collided during a training exercise at the Army Air Corps centre in Middle Wallop, Hampshire. Each Chipmunk was being flown by an instructor and a military trainee. The three survivors suffered shock and minor injuries.

Tribute to bomb victim

More than 200 people attended a memorial service yesterday for Edward Henty, the *News of the World* photographer killed by an IRA bomb in the City of London last month. During the 45-minute service at St Bride's in Fleet Street, colleagues, friends and relatives heard tributes paid to the professionalism of Mr Henty, 34.

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Books and films keep the Guildford Four case alive

By Richard Duce

■ Nearly 20 years after the Guildford pub bombings trial, Hollywood prepares to focus on the discredited convictions

MEMBERS of the Guildford Four remain determined that public interest will not fade in a case that for almost 20 years has been surrounded by controversy, emotion and expensive legal conflict.

Two of the four, Gerard Conlon and Paul Hill, wrote books about their experience, respectively *Proved Innocent* and *Stolen Years: Before and after Guildford*, once they were aquitted and many other books on the case have also been published.

As the verdicts were announced, Gerard Conlon was involved in work on a film, *In the Name of the Father*, about his life and that of his father Giuseppe, one of the Maguire Seven, who died before his conviction for involvement in a north London IRA bomb factory was quashed.

Interest in the case has proved attractive enough to lure the actor Daniel Day Lewis to play the part of Mr Conlon and Emma Thompson will take the part of his solicitor, Gareth Peirce. It is the second film project for Peter Sheridan, director of the praised *My Left Foot*. Patrick Armstrong, the focus of the case against the three Surrey police officers, is now working as technical adviser on the film during location shooting in the Irish Republic and later in England.

Mr Hill is now something of a celebrity in New York where he is "unoffically engaged" to Courtney Kennedy, the daughter of Robert Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1968. Apart from the money he has made from his book, Mr Hill earns a living on the lecture circuit talking about justice.

All the Guildford Four have received interim compensation payments of about £50,000 for wrongful imprisonment after their convictions were quashed. Further payments will hinge on the outcome of the enquiry by Sir John May into the cases of the Guildford Four and the Maguire Seven.

For much of the month-long case at the Central Criminal Court where the Guildford Four received their original life sentences, it was difficult to discern who was really on trial as hour after hour was spent detailing Patrick Armstrong's confession evidence on terrorist involvement.

When the Guildford Four had their convictions quashed in 1989, Lord Lane, who was then Lord Chief Justice, was satisfied that the three policemen "must have lied" about their original evidence. Yet a simple truth for the jury had still to be established before the courts: had the three former Surrey police officers, in an attempt to build a watertight case against an allegedly self-confessed IRA member, fabricated notes of his answers during interviews in December 1974? The jury found them not guilty.

The three police officers, all of whom were suspended on full pay when the Guildford Four convictions were quashed four years ago, still live in Surrey. All have retired from the force.

Thomas Style moved to a job with the defence ministry before retiring 18 months ago on health grounds. He is a chronic asthmatic. John Donaldson retired from the police 18 months ago, but did not take up other employment. Vernon Attwell, who retired 12 months ago, works for a security firm.

The May enquiry cannot be published until an appeal by Mr Hill, now 38, against his conviction for the murder of a former soldier in Belfast, has been heard. A royal commission is also due to report on legal reform after other miscarriages of justice, including that involving the Birmingham Six.

While Carole Richardson, who appears to have suffered the most emotional damage from 14 years in prison, married and sank into obscurity, the events surrounding her conviction continue to produce headlines.

In a recent interview with *The Irish Times*, Mr Sheridan said of his film: "I believe that Northern Ireland is a British problem. Their whole society seems to be organised to run the rest of the world, but does not seem to be able to cope with running their own place. And their own place is in chaos — the justice system is in chaos, which reflects what is happening in the rest of the country."

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Paul Hill



Gerard Conlon



Carole Richardson



Patrick Armstrong



Head for heights: Rebecca had to acclimatise both to her oxygen equipment and the extreme conditions

Everest heroine's tip: 'Don't look down'

By Nicholas Watt

CLIMBING Everest requires no more than a head for heights, Rebecca Stephens, who on Monday became the first British woman to conquer the world's highest mountain, said yesterday.

Miss Stephens, speaking for the first time about her achievement, said: "The thing about Everest is that it is not really a technical climb — at least the route we took is not particularly technical. All you need really is endurance and a head for heights."

In an interview with *The Times* from the relative comfort of the expedition base camp at 17,500ft, Miss Stephens, 31, said that stubborness had kept her going when she was tempted to give up. "I set my heart on reaching the summit." But as bad weather closed in on Sunday night, she thought her chance of success as part of the DHL Everest fortieth anniversary expedition was remote.

One of the most frightening moments came while tackling the knife-edge ridge which leads to the summit. "I had been warned about the ridge but it was still a bit of a surprise when I actually saw it," she said. "I looked down, saw how tiny everything looked and then chose not to look down again."

Three publishers have bid for the rights to a book, which is said to be worth £50,000. Miss Stephens sacrificed her job as deputy editor of *Resident Abroad*, a *Financial Times* magazine, to go on the expedition.



Goal in sight: "I set my heart on the summit"

Police defence team was 'remorseless'

By Richard Duce

THE defence team representing the three officers accused of fabricating evidence in the Guildford Four trial were remorseless in their attempts to convince the jury that police caught the right IRA bombing team almost 20 years ago.

Patrick Armstrong, who was at the focus of the month-long trial, was said by the defence to have established links with terrorism and to have given police vital information about unsolved crimes in Northern Ireland.

Mr Armstrong "sang like a canary" about his IRA involvement, according to Edmund Lawson QC who, in a rare legal move, was allowed by Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny to present the defence case at the end of the prosecution opening.

Mr Anthony Evans QC, for John Donaldson, later told the jury: "The innocent Patrick Armstrong does not exist. He is being created by the ill informed, the misinformed and the not-want-to-be-informed."

While Mr Armstrong was the subject of courtroom character assassination during the apparent rerun of the original Guildford case, the defence was also at pains to point out that he had not made himself available for the trial of the three former detectives.

The court heard allegations that after Mr Armstrong was convicted of murder in the 1974 pub bombings he provided police with the names of ten IRA terrorists. He was also said to have admitted taking part in five IRA robberies in Belfast.

Gerard Conlon, another member of the Four, summoned police to his cell the day after he was jailed and later gave Sir Peter Imbert a "catalogue of names and information" about the IRA. The tape-recorded interview was not used in the Four's 1977 appeal because it was considered too prejudicial to the other three.

Anthony Glass QC, for Thomas Style, said in his final speech: "The Horse and Groom was the worst peacetime outrage since 1945. That bombing was carried out by Patrick Armstrong." He said the jury that convicted him in 1975 had "reached a just conclusion".

Victims' families praise acquittals

By Michael Horsnell

STILL grieving relatives of those slaughtered in the IRA pub bombings spoke of their delight at the acquittal of the three detectives.

The Horse & Groom in North Street, Guildford, where five young people died, now stands empty, but memories survive of the Saturday night there on October 5, 1974, that ended in carnage.

Elizabeth Forsyth, 67, whose 18-year-old soldier son Billy died in the blast, wept as she watched television film of the outrage yesterday and said she remained haunted. "My son was killed by the IRA and I'd like to see the people responsible behind bars before I go to my grave. I'll never forget what happened. Every day I think of Billy and remember him in my prayers."

Billy was a fresh-faced Scots Guardsman enjoying a night out with other young soldiers and Wracs when the explosion tore through the Horse & Groom. His best friend, Guardsman John Hunter, 17, who grew up with him in the same Fife street and joined the Scots Guards on the same day, was also killed.

Mrs Forsyth said: "I still see John's mum from time to time, and like myself she can never forget. Billy was my youngest. I have another son and daughter who also remember, though their young lives have to go on.

Mrs Forsyth, who has two other children, added: "I've been following the case of the three officers and I'm just so pleased that they've been cleared. I think it was an injustice to bring them to court and I'm delighted for them."

Another of the victims, Caroline Slater, 17, had dreamed of becoming a Wrac and died only three weeks after achieving her ambition.

At her home in Cannock, Staffordshire, Caroline's mother, Delphine Slater, said: "I am pleased with the verdict on the three officers. It was a long time ago that it all happened and we try to put it to the back of our minds. But it's still fresh."

The others who died were Pte Ann Hamilton, 18, from Crewe, and Paul Craig, from Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, the only civilian fatality, who was killed on his twenty-second birthday.

Guildford Four chronology

October 1974: Bombs explode at Guildford pubs. Five die.
November 1974: Bomb explodes at Woolwich pub. Two die.
December 1974: Guildford Four charged with the Guildford bombing. Armstrong charged in connection with Woolwich bomb.
June 1975: Hill convicted of murdering former soldier in Belfast.
October 1975: Guildford Four convicted. Life sentences.
October 1976: Guildford Four refused leave to appeal.
August 1987: Home secretary announces enquiry by Avon and Somerset police.
January 1989: Case referred to Court of Appeal.
October 1989: Appeal court frees Guildford Four after evidence that police "seriously misled" original trial. Sir John May enquiry announced.
November 1990: DPP announces that three Surrey police officers charged with conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.
June 1991: Three officers discharged on grounds of delay in bringing case to trial and prejudicial media comment.
January 1992: High Court rules that three officers must stand trial.
April 1992: Old Bailey trial of officers opens.

Cheltenham chaps surrender after a century of sanctuary

By Alan Hamilton

CHELTENHAM, that increasingly isolated redoubt of old-bufferdom, where sex is still what the coal is delivered in, is about to surrender another besieged enclave of tradition to the dark forces of modernity.

The stiff-lipped Gloucestershire town, which famously voted in a Liberal Democrat because the Tory candidate was black, is being forced to open the doors of its gentlemen's club to women.

Money is to blame, as it is for most ills that beset the declining trappings of a kindlier English age. The town's Constitutional Club, which since its foundation in 1898 has admitted only gentlemen, is, in a word, bust. There are not enough gentlemen left, even in Cheltenham.

Arthur Negus, the late avuncular sage of *Antiques Roadshow*, whose most public display of affection for the fair sex was to run a sensuous hand over the shapely legs of a Hepplewhite escritoire, was a member, as were many MPs and priests. But Arthur is dead, and his like are in decline. From a peak of 200, membership has dwindled to 80. Eighty chaps don't make a viable club. The Constitutional is offering its premises for sale at £200,000, and is looking for a new home where, its management reluctantly admits, women will have to be admitted if there is to be any hope of achieving a viable membership roll.

"There is a minority of members who are sad to see the men-only preserve come to an end, but the majority realise that the way forward is to have mixed membership," Brian Barratt, the club secretary, said yesterday. "Men-only clubs have gone out of fashion."

Not in London they haven't. The Athenaeum and the Garrick will still not have women as members, although they are grudgingly permitted to dine as guests in side rooms. The Reform admits women, which it would have to, really, being at least nominally reformist, and even the Cavalry and Guards has had to mend its ways, there being the occasional lady brigadier about these days.

In California, a group of litigious feminists won a court case gaining them admittance to the formerly all-male Pacific Club in San Francisco, on the grounds that its claim to be a private sanctum was a load of old hokum, and that it was in fact extensively used for business meetings.

Another London club which does not open its doors fully to female members is the Travellers. After the achievements of Rebecca Stephens on the summit of Everest, they may yet be obliged to go the way of the Constitutional of Cheltenham.

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Boy, 10, died after dental anaesthetic

A SCHOOLBOY who was terrified of going to the dentist died after having a general anaesthetic in preparation for five extractions, an enquiry was told yesterday.

David Palmer and his wife Carol, his anaesthetist, admitted to the General Dental Council's professional conduct committee in London that equipment and drugs at their surgery in Mildenhall, Suffolk, were insufficient to save the life of Paul Beckett, 10.

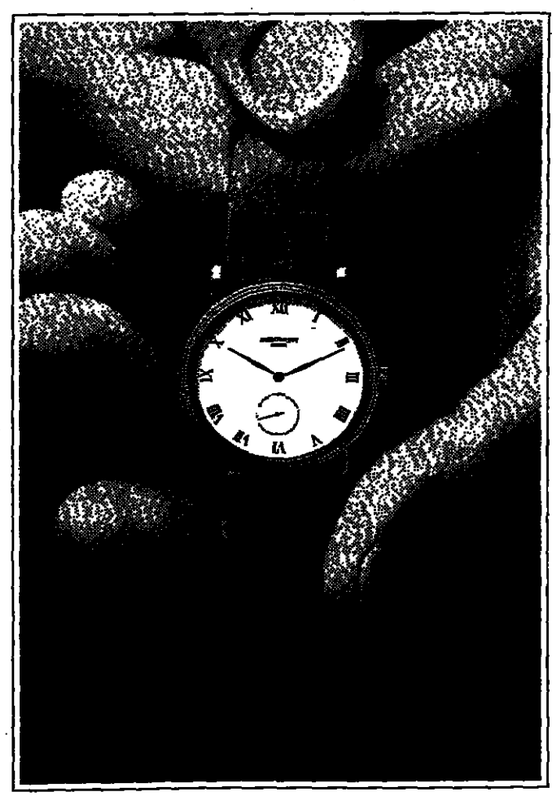
But they denied taking inadequate steps to resuscitate the boy. They are accused of professional misconduct.

Mr Palmer said in a statement that he had agreed with Paul's father Derrick, a farmer from Isleham, Cambridgeshire, that Paul should have a general anaesthetic.

Rosalind Foster, counsel for the committee, said that Leonard Small, a retired health department expert who examined the dentist's equipment a week after the tragedy, found a catalogue of faults.

The hearing continues.

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QC backs decision to hold Allitt enquiry in secret

BY LIN JENKINS

SIR Cecil Clothier QC yesterday defended the decision to take evidence in secret at his enquiry into the events surrounding the murders committed by nurse Beverly Allitt. He suggested that people often lied under oath.

His comments were immediately described as insensitive and ridiculous by parents of Allitt's victims, who want the enquiry to be held in public. The parents have accused Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, of considering the wishes of the health authority above their own.

Sir Cecil, announcing the terms of reference of the enquiry at a press conference at the health department in Whitehall, said the exclusion of the role of Trent regional health authority in the affair could be rectified at a later stage if necessary.

Claims that Trent ignored a plea by medical staff to close the ward are included in the book *Murder on Ward Four* by Nick Davis, to be published by Chatto and Windus later this month. "Possibly when I have read the book we might look into it," Sir Cecil said.

He said that his justification for secrecy was that the enquiry would get closer to the truth if witnesses did not feel repressed by public disclosure of their suspicions. "People have told the most monstrous lies under oath. If you really want to know what people are thinking in an extremely delicate matter, you need to see them in circumstances where they do not feel threatened."

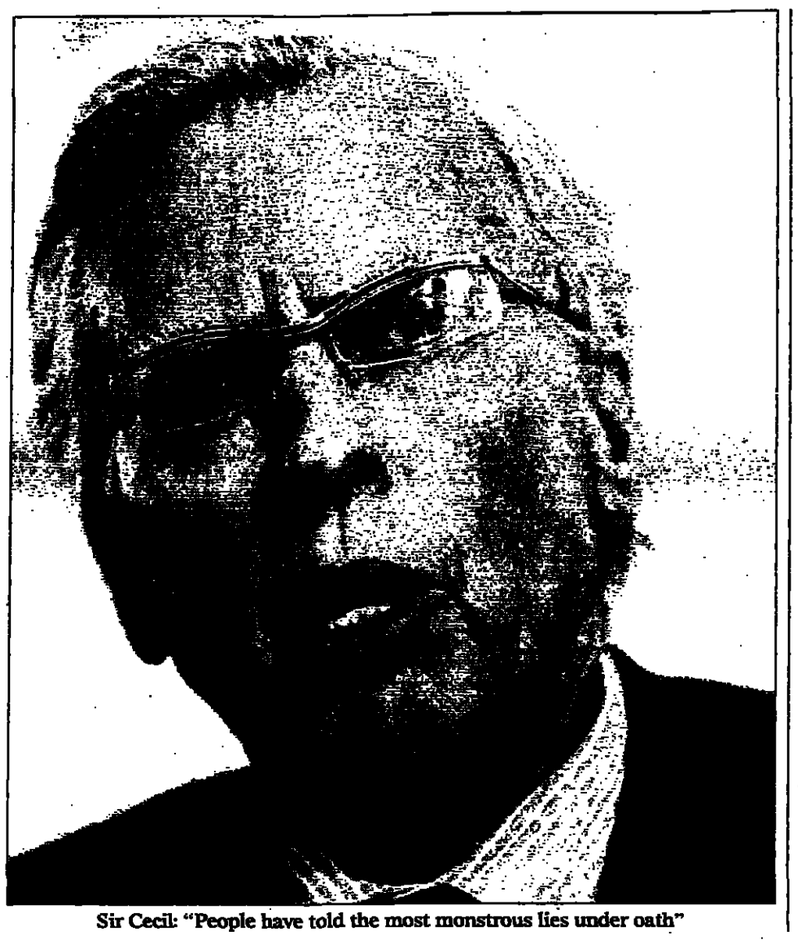
Allitt, 24, has been convicted of murdering four children on ward four of Grantham and Kesteven General Hospital between February 15 and April 22, 1991, and of attempting to murder three others and harming six more. She had displayed the symptoms of Munchausen Syndrome before being given a contract.

Sir Cecil said he would consider taking evidence from Allitt, who is currently in Rampton hospital being treated for anorexia nervosa and awaiting sentence on May 28. "We would have to take medical advice for her own protection as well as for the protection of the enquiry."

Ann Alexander, solicitor for the families of eight of Allitt's 13 victims, said they were astonished by Sir Cecil's remarks. "Our whole criminal justice system is based on evidence being taken in public. The families are determined that justice should be seen to be done."

☐ The parents of the twin girls who were two of Allitt's victims yesterday called for the two paediatricians from the children's ward to be reinstated.

Peter and Sue Phillips, whose nine-week-old daughter Becky was murdered and her twin Katie left severely brain damaged, said the doctors were being unfairly blamed for what happened.



Sir Cecil: "People have told the most monstrous lies under oath"

Watchdog accuses BSkyB over screen violence

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SATELLITE television channels are showing too many films containing unjustifiable levels of violence and bad language, Lord Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council, said yesterday.

Launching the council's first monitoring report on violence, sex and bad language, he singled out BSkyB for criticism, and urged the satellite channel to use again the services of the British Board of Film Classification, which gives advice on when films should be screened and where cuts should be made.

BSkyB, which has three subscription film channels, is 50 per cent owned by News Corporation, owners of *The Times*' parent company News International. It stopped using the film classification board five months ago.

The council's report found that an average of 2 per cent of programmes broadcast by the two BBC channels and ITV and Channel 4 after the 9pm family viewing watershed caused offence. On satellite television the figure was up to 7 per cent. BSkyB operates an 8pm watershed.

The survey is based on detailed television diaries kept by a panel of 600 viewers, who were asked to report every time they saw what they felt were "unjustifiable" scenes of sex, violence and bad language over several weeks in 1991 and 1992.

Lord Rees-Mogg said that with levels of dissatisfaction on terrestrial television running from 1 per cent for pre-watershed viewing to just 2 per cent after the watershed, regulatory measures applied to terrestrial channels appeared to be working. He added, however, that concern about television standards was not restricted to highly vocal minorities. On average, every viewer found about one programme every fortnight too strong for their tastes.

A separate survey by the council analysed the content of 518 programmes broadcast over the same period, but excluding satellite and cable television. It found that bad language caused most concern, with 1,991 instances recorded, followed by 883 violent acts and 143 sex scenes. It concluded that dramas and films account for 70 per cent of all unacceptable scenes.

Programmes produced in the United States, which account for roughly 13 per cent of all output on terrestrial TV, were four times more likely to contain violence and bad language.

Lord Rees-Mogg, who is due to step down as chairman of the council next week, singled out Hollywood productions such as Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Terminator* films for particular criticism. He accused them of celebrating violence.

Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, welcomed the report and said it provided independent confirmation that BSkyB television was lowering television standards in Britain, despite enormous strides made by terrestrial channels.

David Elstein, BSkyB head of programmes, said the survey was unrepresentative and unreliable. Screen violence was taken very seriously and in the past week BSkyB had devoted three hours of prime time to a debate on the issue, something no other broadcaster had done, he said.

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Rees-Mogg: urged use of classification board

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Lending a hand saves heart attack victims

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

HUNDREDS of lives can be saved if bystanders try to resuscitate people who suffer a heart attack, however untrained they are.

A pioneering campaign in Scotland has shown that rescuscitation doubles the chance of survival. The other key element in the campaign is equipping all ambulances with electric defibrillators and trained crews to restore normal heart rhythm.

Of 1,700 people given resuscitation in the first full year of HeartStart Scotland, 174 survived. Without such help, Professor Stuart Cobbe of the University of Glasgow will tell the British Cardiac Society meeting this week, almost all of them would have died. A year later, 145 are still alive and only 2 per cent have suffered a severe disability as a result of their heart attack.

The campaign, supported by the British Heart Foundation, supplied all of Scotland's frontline ambulances with defibrillators, machines that give the heart an electric shock. Crews were trained in their use, and also taught cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

"Although a high percentage of those who collapse with cardiac arrest will die, these results show that many lives can be saved," Professor Cobbe said yesterday. "Getting assistance fast is the most important thing. When people who were having chest pain called the ambulance and it arrived before they actually had a heart attack, a full 40 per cent survived."

The results also show the value of resuscitation by family, work colleagues, or passers-by. When this is given, the chances of survival are doubled. "Anyone, anywhere, who sees somebody collapse and remain unresponsive should attempt resuscitation," Professor Cobbe urged.

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Scan may cut effect of strokes

BY OUR TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE amount of debilitating brain damage from a stroke, car accident or fight may be significantly reduced by a scanning technique developed by British scientists.

Researchers have devised a way of rapidly identifying the location and levels of a naturally produced substance that poisons brain cells after an accident or stroke. It enables patients to be given drugs that can counteract the poison, called glutamate, and cut the amount of brain cells killed.

Dr Jonathan Owens, a research fellow with Glasgow University's brain imaging group, whose work is described in the annual report of the Radiological Research Trust of London, said yesterday that glutamate poisoning could account for up to 70 per cent of brain damage.

Traditional scanning techniques only pick up cells after they have been killed but the the new technique can act before much of the irreversible damage has been done.

Cannabis killed pain in AD 400

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRRESPONDENT

PROOF that cannabis was used as a painkiller in ancient times has been made by scientists studying the remains of a girl who died nearly 1,600 years ago.

Her skeleton, discovered in a tomb near Jerusalem, was found to have traces of a burnt powder in the abdominal area. A chemical analysis by scientists from an Israeli police laboratory, the Hebrew University and the Israel Antiquities Authority identified traces of a substance that is a stable part of cannabis formed after burning.

Researchers believe the drug was given to relieve the pain of childbirth. The skeleton contained the remains of a foetus and measurements of the 14-year-old girl's pelvis showed it was too small for childbirth. She would have died from internal bleeding.

Ashes in the tomb are assumed to be cannabis, administered as an inhalant, the scientists report in *Nature*.

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Unions angry after earlier assurances

Receivers to detail shipyard job losses

By Paul Wilkinson

An agreement with the MoD allows work to continue at Wallsend, but the threat of redundancies is more immediate

REDUNDANCIES among the 2,200 workforce at the shipbuilder Swan Hunter could be declared as early as tomorrow, the company's receivers said yesterday.

The announcement by Price Waterhouse brought an angry reaction from union leaders at the Tyneside yard, who said they had only just been given assurances that the workers' jobs were safe at least until the end of next week.

Tom Brennan, chairman of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions (CSEU) at Swan's, said he was particularly shocked that the news had been released at a press conference by Gordon Horsfield, the senior Price Waterhouse partner at the yard.

Later, a spokesman for Mr Horsfield confirmed assurances given to the unions that no one would be sacked before May 28. But he said that details of impending redundancies could be given to officials when they meet the receivers tomorrow.

Eddie Darke, CSEU secretary, said: "We have always accepted that redundancies would be inevitable, but we could have been given better notice than this. It is very bad that families of shipyard workers heard the news over the radio or TV."

Mr Horsfield declined to say what numbers were under consideration and pointed out that the company had itself been drawing up redundancy options before it called in the receivers.

He said he was more confident about the company's situation now than he had been when he arrived six days ago. The Ministry of Defence had agreed to work continuing on three type 23 frigates at the yard until May 28 and the receivers were now studying up to 20 "serious expressions of interest" from potential purchasers of the company.

As a result of their agreement with the ministry, sea trials of the first of the frigates, HMS *Westminster*, postponed from last Friday, will go ahead this weekend.

Mr Horsfield said: "Our discussions with the MoD are continuing. There are representatives from the ministry at the yard today. So far, they have been very positive. We have heard no talk of removing the ships for fitting out elsewhere, but I would not be surprised if it was an option they were considering."

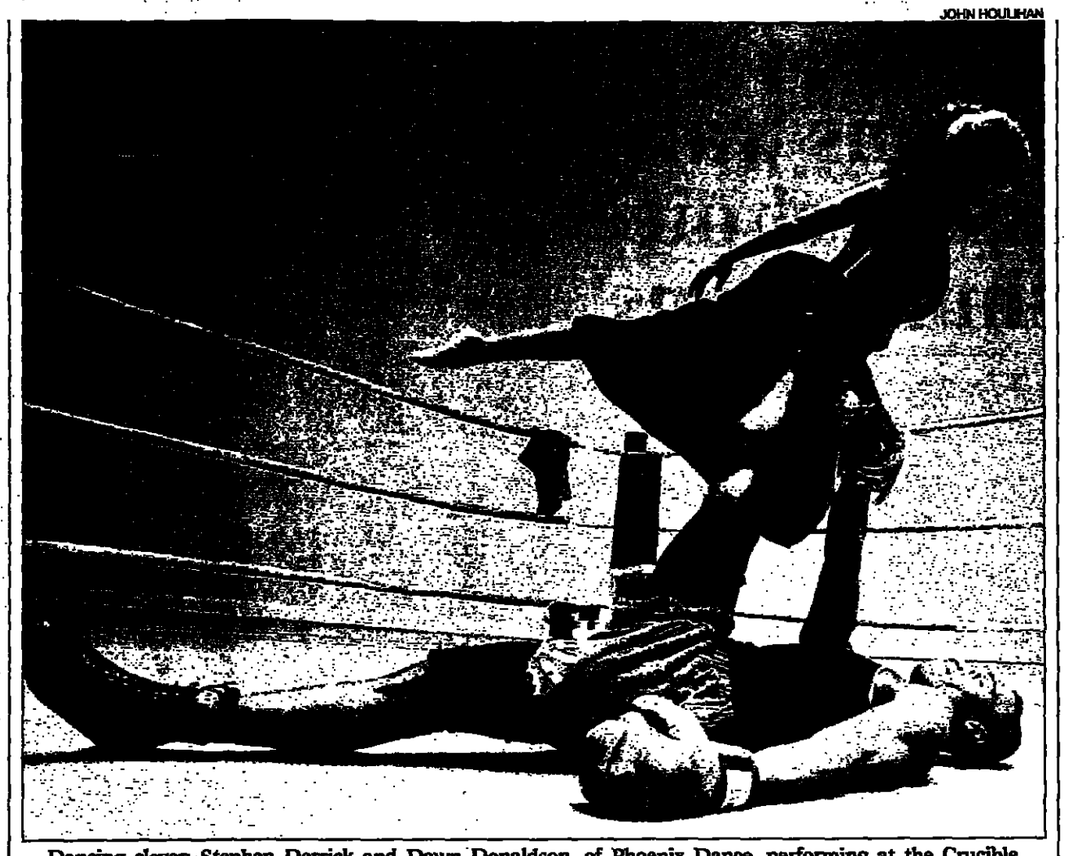
He added: "We have stabilised the company, we have got work continuing. When I came in last week it was an empty yard. Today it is a working yard. We have put one foot forward, but there are a lot of steps still to take."

Mr Horsfield said that enquiries about buying the yard had come from shipbuilders in the UK and abroad as well as from companies here and overseas who were considering other uses for the site.

"It is now our job to turn those expressions of interest into offers to buy."

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JOHN HOULIHAN



Dancing clever: Stephen Derrick and Dawn Donaldson, of Phoenix Dance, performing at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, the pugilistic piece Heart of Chaos, which explores relationships, violence and valour

Humans gain new ancestor

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

MODERN man lived alongside Neanderthals in the Middle East 100,000 years ago, fragments of teeth enamel have shown. Archaeologists are now convinced that the two species co-existed for at least 60,000 years in the area, sharing a common culture.

The finding lays to rest the idea that the stocky Neanderthals were the ancestors of the taller *Homo sapiens*. In the Middle East at least, the evidence is that modern humans were there first and were followed by the Neanderthals.

In today's issue of *Nature*, scientists from the Open University, the Australian National University in Canberra and the Natural History Museum in London present evidence from sites at Tabun, Qafzeh and Skhul. Setting out to confirm the dates using a new method, they deduced from small fragments of tooth enamel the age of skeletons of animals found in the same burial caves as human remains.

The scientists' results supported claims that Neanderthal man was a relative latecomer to the Levant.

Divorce courts 'need pension-splitting law'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

LAW reforms to empower courts to share out pension rights between couples at a divorce were urged yesterday by a working party of experts.

Their report, widely hoped to form the basis of legislation, seeks to end the injustice by which courts cannot generally divide a pension on divorce, although it is often a couple's chief asset.

Sir Alec Atkinson, chairman of the working party, set up by the Pensions Management Institute with the Law Society, said that the aim was "to devise fair and practicable ways of dividing pension rights on divorce which would be consistent with the present broad approach to the treatment of property on divorce".

The idea was that the proposals would reduce the need for costly court proceedings, Sir Alec said. Administrative costs of pension-splitting should be borne by the divorcing couples.

The main proposal is that courts should be able to share occupational and personal pension rights between divorcing couples by specifying certain types of pensions adjustment orders. The working party also proposes a standard method of valuing pension rights, using the statutory provision whereby a sum known as the "cash equivalent" has to be made available as a transfer payment to another pension scheme when someone leaves a scheme after two years.

Sir Alec said that, in a classic case in which a husband had built up pension rights, the value of those rights would be reduced by a specified sum and that sum would be made available as a transfer payment in respect of the wife to another suitable scheme, giving her pension rights independent of her husband.

Courts could split all of a husband's pension rights as they think fair, including guaranteed minimum pensions or protected rights of contracted-out employees.

Sir Alec said: "To provide more security for the ex-wife in receipt of maintenance, perhaps while she has young children to care for, we see a need for the court to be able to order the husband to take out life assurance for the benefit of his former wife."

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MPs condemn government attempt to end breweries' control of industry through tied houses

Pub reforms 'raised prices, cut choice and shut taverns'

By Sheila Gunn
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Everybody ended up worse off, and 2,000 pubs closed, after a government attempt to give drinkers a better deal

GOVERNMENT attempts to break up the brewing industry were handled so badly that nobody benefitted. Pubs were forced to close, beer prices rose, tenants were evicted and the choice of ales was restricted, the Commons agriculture committee declared yesterday.

It calls for a new strategy to inject more competition and choice. The MPs want lower duty rates, based on alcohol content rather than product category, and more liberal licensing laws.

The MPs estimated that the cost to the brewing industry of obeying new rules totalled more than £500 million while there was no benefit to customers, brewers or tenants.

Although the MPs were worried about the "distress and uncertainty" caused to tenants, they blame the government rather than the brewers. "Within the legislative constraints placed upon them by the government, we consider that the major brewers had no reasonable alternative course of action, although in a number of instances their conduct could have been more sympathetic towards their tenants," the committee said.

The saga started four years ago when the Monopolies and Mergers Commission complained about the control exercised by the brewing giants through the tied house system.

Six firms, Allied Breweries, Bass, Courage, Grand Metropolitan, Scottish & Newcastle and Whitbread, controlled 77 per cent of beer production in 1989. Today, five breweries, Bass, Carlsberg-Tetley, Courage, Scottish & Newcastle and Whitbread, control 82 per cent.

The MPs criticise the commission for an unrealistic approach to the practical issues of the price and choice of beers. "We consider that the cost and disruption which would have been caused by full implementation of the MMC's recommendations would have far outweighed any benefits to the consumer which might have resulted," their report said.

The committee, chaired by the Tory MP Sir Jerry Wiggin, lists 12 large breweries that have closed since 1989, with five brewing companies that have stopped production. In addition, the big five brewers have disposed of thousands of tied houses.

Although some of these pubs have new owners or have been bought by their tenants, more than 2,000 have probably closed, many in rural areas. The committee complained about confusion caused by the introduction of two pieces of legislation for breaking up the industry and protecting tenants. Many tenants were evicted before the new law giving them protection came into force.

"The episode has done little for brewer/tenant relations," it said. "For licensed tenants, the pub is both a home and a business. The uncertainty and the unphased introduction of market rents and the full repairing and insuring leases have resulted in some experienced and able publicans leaving the trade."

The government had told the committee it was concerned that national brewers should consider it necessary to issue notices to quit to tenants. "This statement strikes us as somewhat disingenuous," the report concluded.

The committee appeals to the government to spare the industry from more new regulations while it recovers from traumas of the past four years.

☐ *House of Commons agriculture committee's 4th report: Effects of the Beer Orders on the brewing industry and consumers* (Stationery Office, £24.40)

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CHRIS HARRIS



Massive hangover: a rent increase has left Christopher Scott struggling to survive only months after taking over The Beehive in Wiltshire

Harsh financial climate floors army veteran

By Robin Young

A FORMER sergeant in the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers says he is a victim of harsh conditions imposed by the Inntrepreneur arm of the Grand Metropolitan conglomerate.

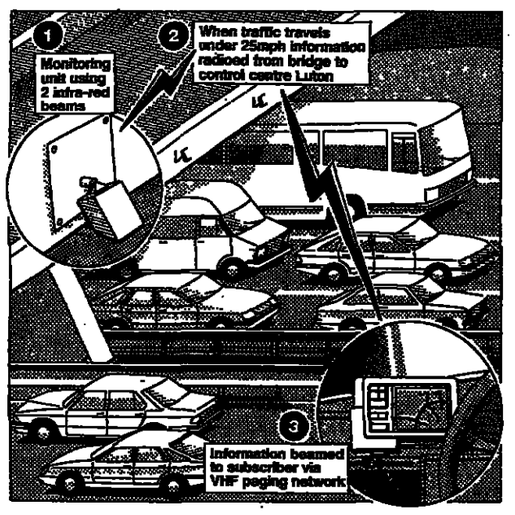
After 22 years' service, Christopher Scott used his redundancy money to move into The Beehive Inn in Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, six months ago. He says: "I understood when I took over that no rent increases were imminent. Yet after one week I was informed that the daily rent of £48.29 was to be increased to £57.95 — to be paid out of daily takings which average only £142."

Mr Scott is a member of the National Association of Inntrepreneur Lessees (Nail), which claims that the company has sought out redundant servicemen as likely purchasers of pub leases. Tricia Boyes leads Nail, claiming over 1,000 members. "These people are quite unremitting in their pursuit of money, and many landlords have experienced severe difficulties," she said.

A court reduced her rent for the Britannia Inn at Minehead, Somerset, from £18,000 to £10,000. Inntrepreneur is appealing against the decision, and on Tuesday bailiffs took her Ford Sierra, worth £2,500, claiming she was four weeks behind with her rent.

Inntrepreneur is the Grand Met company that markets 20-year leases on an estate of some 6,500 pubs. Mike Newman of Inntrepreneur said yesterday: "Both these people bought assigned leases, sold on by former lessees at a premium.

"Inntrepreneur was not involved in the business decision which they made at the outset. Rent increases cannot be imposed. They are negotiable, and arbitration is available if agreement cannot be reached."



Jam-buster spreads signal beyond M25

By Tim Jones, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A DASHBOARD information system that allows drivers to avoid hold-ups was extended yesterday to cover most of England's motorway system. The Trafficmaster, which has already been tested on the M25 around London, will now monitor conditions on more than 1,000 miles of motorway in the South and the Midlands.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, believes that widescale use of the system could help to cut the £15 billion lost each year by industry because of delays and congestion. "This will be an important aid to business efficiency, helping to reduce costs and stress," he said.

General Logistics, the company behind the service, has spent £3 million installing traffic speed monitors on more than 450 motorway bridges and gantries. These send information by radio to a central computer, which analyses it and feeds the results to visual display screens on car dashboards. The screen tells drivers exactly where holdups are occurring, the length of any tailback and the average speed of the traffic. They can then vary their routes to avoid congestion.

The bridge sensors are programmed to send information to the central control system when the average speed on a motorway drops below 30mph. The data is updated every three minutes, allowing users to judge if the traffic is improving or getting worse.

David Martell, chairman of General Logistics, said: "The most important aspect of the service, apart from the reduction of stress, is that it gives you a chance to use an alternative route, or add time to your journey calculation."

Trafficmaster, which is being introduced to the Washington DC orbital system, costs £199 to buy and £50 to install. There is a monthly charge of £19:50.

Jails have no right to read legal mail

By Richard Ford
HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRISON authorities do not have a right to read and stop confidential letters between prisoners and their legal advisers, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

The court found in favour of Mark Leech, who is serving seven years in Glenochil jail, Central Scotland, in a ruling concerning mail that might relate to proposed legal action by prison staff. Lord Justice Steyn said the regulation allowing the screening and halting of letters if their contents were objectionable, was "extravagantly wide".

He said it was lawful within the Prison Act 1952 for letters to be inspected for contraband. However, dealing with both ordinary and legal correspondence under the same prison rule was flawed and in making the regulation the home secretary had gone beyond the act.

Lords Justices Steyn and Neill and Mr Justice Rose granted Leech a declaration that the rule, in so far as it applied to legal correspondence, was outside the law. Lord Justice Steyn said: "It is a principle of our law that every citizen has a right of unimpeded access to a court."

A prisoner should have an unimpeded right of access to a solicitor to receive advice in connection with possible court proceedings. A prisoner might want to know whether he had a remedy against the police, prison officers or the Home Office.

If the authorities had an unrestricted right to read his correspondence, that would be a disincentive to him exercising his rights.

Wife who hired killer gets 18 years

By Michael Horsnell

JEAN Daddow, who wept for the television cameras after her husband was gunned down on their doorstep, was sent to prison for 18 years yesterday for plotting his murder.

Daddow, 53, known as the "Black Widow" for her scheme to inherit her husband Terry's fortune, used his money to hire an assassin to shoot him through the heart while she waited upstairs at their cottage in Northiam, East Sussex.

She showed no emotion as Mr Justice Hidden handed down sentence at the Old Bailey six weeks after she had been convicted and remanded in custody for reports.

Roger Blackman, 23, her son from a previous marriage, was jailed for 18 years for his part in the plot and Robert Bell, 33, the gunman she hired for £12,000, was jailed for life for murder with a recommendation he serve at least 15 years; he was also given an 18-year concurrent sentence for conspiracy.

The judge told all three: "You put your heads together to conceive and carry out a killing which was cold-blooded and as callous as can be imagined. Criminal conduct which is as cold-blooded, cynical, violent and deadly as that can only be properly dealt with by a custodial sentence."

Daddow plotted the murder of her husband, a former financial consultant with Lloyds Bank, after managing to switch much of his fortune into a string of accounts under her control and persuading him to change his £300,000 will in her favour.

Mr Daddow became involved with his future wife when called in to deal with the theft of her credit cards. She lured him away from his first wife and married him. Ostensibly, they led an ordinary life, but police investigating the murder unearthed a picture of financial and sexual impropriety.

The couple's £160,000 house was one of many "gifts" they acquired from elderly single women who had been clients of Mr Daddow.

Evidence given at the trial of Daddow, a former hairdresser's assistant, showed her husband had concocted a plan to blackmail women with photographs taken after he had laced their drinks.

The court was told Daddow and Blackman ended up having Mr Daddow and then plotting to murder him because she did not want to divorce him and lose his money.

Mr Daddow, 52, was killed in November 1991. Daddow ordered a headstone for his grave which read: "Terence Daddow — taken suddenly. In God's house but in my heart, your wife Jean."

David Penry-Davey QC, her counsel, said she had suffered physically and mentally during their two-year marriage.

Stephen Miller QC, counsel for Bell, a former soldier from Headcorn, Kent, said he had been "drawn into this highly charged family to do something totally alien to him".

Det Super Brian Foster said after the hearing: "They got what they deserved. The public is entitled to be protected from anyone who can plan a murder in such a cold-blooded and calculating way."



Daddow: used husband's money for an assassin



Blackman: plotted the murder with his mother

Rape avengers guilty of murder plot

By A Staff Reporter

A WOMAN started a life sentence yesterday for helping to organise the murder of her brother-in-law six years after he raped her.

Lisa Corah, 20, broke down as a jury at Lincoln Crown Court found her guilty of aiding and abetting the murder of Philip Tizzard, a milkman who had forced her to have intercourse when she was 14.

Her boy friend, Adrian Lockley, 27, a former amateur boxer who carried out the killing as Mr Tizzard set off on his early-morning round, was also jailed for life after being found guilty of murder.

Mr Justice Rougier told Corah, of Arnold, Nottingham: "I accept that in the past Tizzard violated you and you had cause to hate him." But he added: "This was an appalling crime which must have sickened every decent person who has heard the details. You have now brought down your lover, destroyed yourself, your brother-in-law and your family."

During the 11-day trial, Corah disclosed that Mr Tizzard, 31, who was married to her sister Maryse, had raped her on a family holiday in Corfu. "I didn't tell anyone about it because I was so ashamed. When we were coming off the plane he said he was sorry and it would never happen again.

"But it did, when Maryse was in hospital for the birth of their baby. It was November 1989 — I was 16. He had sex again without my consent. It was more than once. I hated him after that."

Lockley, also of Arnold, lay in wait for Mr Tizzard as he left his home in January last year and hit him from behind with a pick-axe handle. The milkman died from severe head injuries. Detectives recovered the murder weapon after digging up the foundations of a house in Fillingham, Lincolnshire, where Lockley had been working.

A friend of the couple, Paul Smith, 24, also of Arnold, who was allegedly seen walking near Mr Tizzard's home in the early hours, was cleared of murder.

Girl dies in suspected arson attack

A five-year-old girl was killed and her mother badly burnt in a fire which police in Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, said they were treating as a case of suspected aron.

Emma Hutchinson died and her mother Lesley, 30, who is deaf and dumb, was critically ill at Newcastle General Hospital.

Fire officers said mother and daughter were both found in the front bedroom.

Sentence cut

Simon Berkowitz, 47, of Hove, East Sussex, who was jailed for handling a stolen document after he tried to sell a memorandum about Paddy Ashdown in the run-up to the general election, had his sentence cut from 30 months to 18 by the Court of Appeal.

Baby victim

A baby killed in a road accident in Cambridge on Tuesday was named as Melvyn Stowell, one. He was being pushed by his mother, Isabelle Redfern, 31, when they were struck by a car driven by Annette Reid, 64, of Canada.

Bomber away

A 50-year-old Blenheim bomber, restored by the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, Cambridgeshire, after it crashed in 1987, came successfully through its trial flight.

Lead warning

Paint sets imported from China — Panda and Flying Eagle water colours and Flying Butterfly oils — contain dangerous levels of lead, Baroness Denton, consumer affairs minister, said.



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Betty Maxwell seeks Mirror pension of £311,000

By Jon Ashworth

THE family of the disgraced publisher Robert Maxwell faces a legal battle over his widow's demand for an annual pension of £311,000 from Mirror Group Newspapers.

Betty Maxwell, 72, who claims to have been left penniless after her husband's death in November 1991, is pressing for the cash and more than £1 million in back payments from the MGN pension scheme. The claim is certain to outrage the 20,000 Maxwell pensioners who faced hardship after her husband stole £450 million from their pension schemes.

Mrs Maxwell's solicitors, D J Freeman, have written to MGN, claiming an annual pension of £311,000 payable since her husband's death. The letter says that £466,000 is due in back-payments, with a discretionary grant of £750,000 to cover Mrs Maxwell's service to the company.

No one at D J Freeman was prepared to comment yesterday. The pension fund issued a statement saying: "The trustees do not comment on matters affecting individuals that are private to those individuals."

The trustees are understood to be ready to fight Mrs Maxwell in court to prevent her from obtaining the money. The pension fund is being replenished by the newspaper group at a cost of nearly £20 million a year.

Mrs Maxwell received £15,000 from the pension fund shortly after her husband died. Further payments were blocked when details of the fraud began to emerge.

It is unclear whether Maxwell paid into the MGN scheme to cover pensions for himself and his wife.

The liquidators of Bishopsgate Investment Management (BIM), the company that administered the pension funds, recently recovered £500,000 from Ian Maxwell.

A court held that he breached his duty as a BIM director by signing forms for the transfer of shares worth about £580,000 to Credit Suisse without obtaining an assurance that the transfers had been approved by BIM board members.

Neil Cooper of Robson Rhodes, the liquidator, had earlier obtained judgment for £406 million against Ian Maxwell, making him Britain's biggest ever bankrupt.

The fight to recover the missing funds was stepped up in January when Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, called on Sir John Cuckney, chairman of Royal Insurance, to mediate in efforts to track down and distribute funds on behalf of MGN pensioners.

The move to speed up the return of the assets came in the wake of a hard-hitting report from the Commons social security select committee, which pointed out that £34 million had been spent on fees to professional advisers involved in tracing the funds, with little to show for it. The fees, which are expected to rise substantially, will be offset against any retrieved pension fund assets.

Although about £150 million of funds held in a common investment fund have been recovered, administrators, lawyers and liquidators are still arguing about how it should be distributed.

The report said: "The Maxwell pensioners have waited for more than a year to have any of their pension assets restored. They should not be made to suffer any longer when there are sufficient assets to overcome their immediate plight."

Sir John was appointed to mastermind a £2.5 million "drip feed" scheme for pensioners while their assets were tracked down.



Hard times: Betty Maxwell, photographed with her daughter Ghislaine the day before Maxwell's funeral

Widow faces wrath of former workers

By A Staff Reporter

TO SOME, she is a hated women: her husband, a tyrant and a bully, left a legacy that ruined thousands of lives. To others, she is the woman who suffered most from the extraordinary character of Robert Maxwell. After his death, she left Britain for exile, and she claims to be penniless.

Rightly or wrongly, Betty Maxwell, 72, widow of Robert Maxwell, has become an object of obsession for thousands of Maxwell pensioners who have had hardship heaped upon them after the publisher's death in 1991.

Since then, his widow has done her utmost to stay out of the limelight. However, despite moving to France, the spotlight has repeatedly turned to Betty Maxwell.

Eyebrows rose at reports that the chateau she occupied was worth £3 million. Then, it emerged that she had contributed over £900,000 towards legal costs of her sons Kevin and Ian, who face fraud charges, which they deny. News that she is seeking a big pension will horrify 20,000 Maxwell pensioners seeing their pension schemes topped up agonisingly slowly.

In November, in her first big television interview since her husband's death, she spoke of Maxwell pensioners who had £450 million pilfered from their pension funds. She said: "My heart absolutely bleeds for those people of my age who are now suffering hardship.

"Personally, I can do nothing because I have no money myself at all. Somebody printed that I am one of the richest women in England. If that was true, would I approve an auction of all my personal belongings, jewellery, dishes, everything and just stand aside helplessly? Everything is going to the creditors. I need to find a job and support myself. Otherwise, what would I eat?"

Most attention has focused on her sons. Kevin Maxwell became Britain's biggest bankrupt in September 1992, with personal debts of £406 million, and signed on at a JobCentre. His wife Pandora entered media folklore by telling early-morning visitors to her Chelsea home to "piss off", only to find they were police, not reporters.

Ian Maxwell staved off bankruptcy by producing £500,000 for MGN pensioners. He and his wife Laura have sold their Belgravia flat for £460,000 to pay legal fees.

Ghislaine Maxwell, the youngest of the tycoon's children and inspiration for *Lady Ghislaine*, Maxwell's 180ft yacht, hit the headlines in November when photographed boarding Concorde for a trip to New York, where she now lives. A one-way ticket is more than £2,000.

Chess links worlds of study and play

By Ian Murray

THE schoolteacher who entered Nigel Short in his first chess tournament, at the age of seven, said yesterday that the game should be used as a way of improving education standards in Britain.

Richard Furness, director of junior chess for the British Chess Federation (BCF), said the game gave children vital self-confidence.

He said: "In my years as a teacher, I found that children who could not even read or write gained great self-confidence through learning how to play." Mr Furness, who was a geography teacher in Lancashire, said: "Knowing they could play chess gave them something to come to school for. Once a child finds he is good at something, it stops the disillusionment in education."

The strong link between chess and education is documented in a book by David Norwood, who is 24 and Britain's second youngest grandmaster, to be published next month. He said yesterday: "Chess gives a kid a medium in which he can express himself.

"Once they know the moves, they find this is an area in which they are not disadvantaged when playing against an adult. It gives them great self-confidence, which makes it easier for them to tackle other subjects. Compared to chess, foreign languages and mathematics are easy."

Mr Norwood said that chess was particularly good for keeping a child absorbed for hours, acting as a bridge between play and learning.

Since 1958, *The Times* has sponsored the annual schools chess tournament. The leading schools in the tournament are all among the schools that have done best in the government's GCSE and A-level league tables.

One of the aims of *The Times* Chess World Championship is to generate activities that will boost junior chess. The London Chess Festival, to be run in conjunction with the match, will enable at least 50,000 children to come to London for lessons, and schools throughout the country will be encouraged to compete in tournaments.

The world title match between Short and Garry Kasparov, the reigning champion, will be played at the Savoy Theatre between September 7 and October 30. Bonds for seats are already selling well but can still be obtained from *The Times* by telephoning 071-240 0049 or by writing to PO Box 92, London WC2H 9SU.

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Championship chess

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The longest running fixture in the chess calendar is the annual varsity match between Oxford University and Cambridge University. This year the match resulted in another Oxford victory. Over the past decade the dark blues have dominated the event. It was hosted at the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall and sponsored by chess-loving solicitors, Watson, Farley & Williams.

The match was won by Oxford by 5½ - 2½

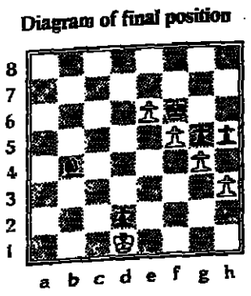
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Black: S. Rachels (Hertford, Oxford)
Varsity Match 1993

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1	d4	d5
2	c4	dxc4
3	Nc3	a6
4	e4	b5
5	a4	b4
6	Ne2	Bb7
7	f3	e5
8	Bxc4	exd4
9	Qb3	Qe7
10	Nh3	Nc6
11	Bg5	f6
12	Bxg8	hxg5
13	Rc1	Na5
14	Qe6	Qxe6
15	Bxe6	b3
16	Nxg5	bxa2
17	Bf7+	Ke7
18	Bxa2	Kf6
19	f4	Bb4+
20	Kf2	c5
21	e5+	Ke7
22	Ne6	g6
23	Nxc5	Rac8
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26	Rc4	Nd3+
27	Kg3	Rxc4
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29	Bxa6	d3
30	Rb1	Rb8
31	Kf3	d2
32	Be2	Bc3
33	g4	Ra8
34	Bd1	Nxd1
35	Rxd1	Rxa4
36	f5	g5
37	e6	Ra1
38	Rxa1	Bxa1
39	Ke2	Bc3
40	h3	Kf6
41	Kd1	Bb4
42	Ke2	h6
43	Kd1	h5

White resigns

Diagram of final position



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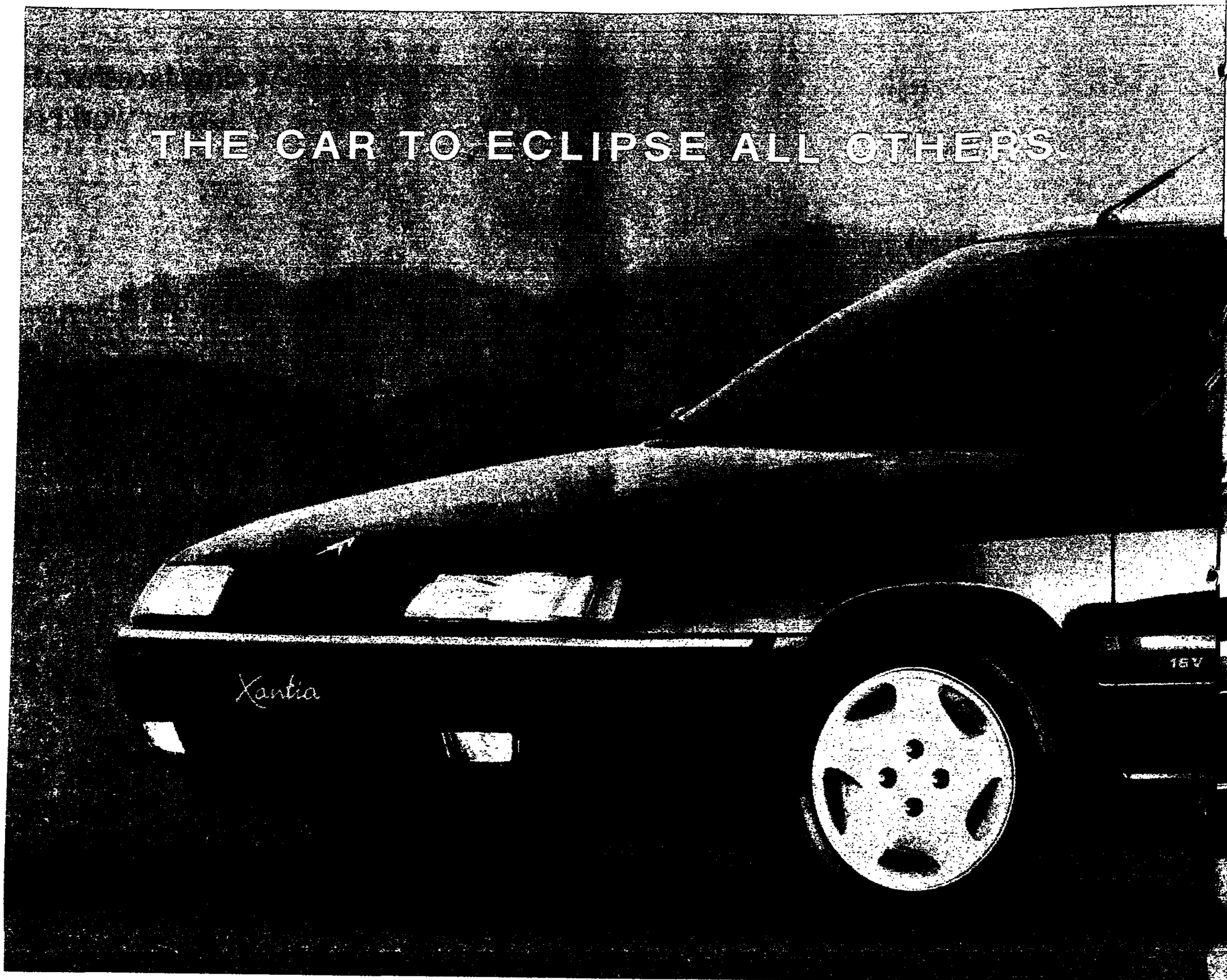
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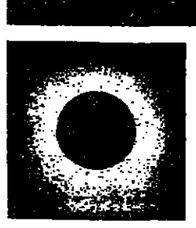
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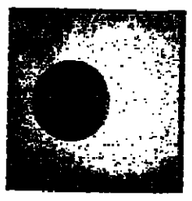
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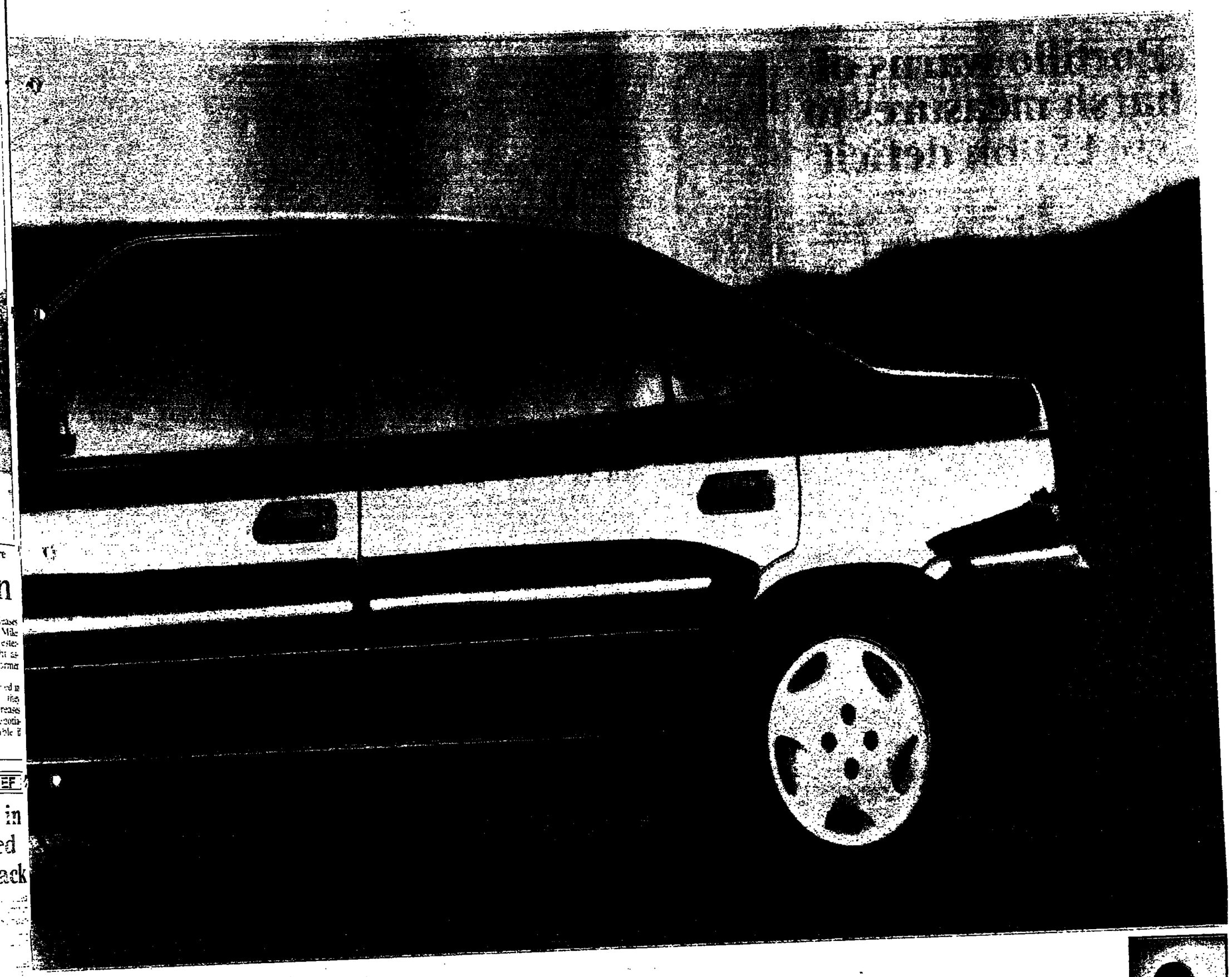
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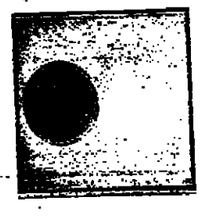
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Portillo warns of harsh measures to cut £50bn deficit

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

AN END to automatic free prescriptions for pensioners and children was floated yesterday by ministers as the Treasury delivered its grimmest warning yet about the state of the nation's finances.

In a rare display of ministerial candour, Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, said last night that the deterioration in the government's bank balance had been rapid and that Britain had the highest deficit in the EC — worse even than Italy, normally taken as the benchmark of fiscal profligacy.

Seeking to prepare Tory backbenchers and ministerial colleagues for a spending round of unparallelled ferocity, he said that the government could not simply raise taxes. The huge increases required would be ethically, politically and economically unacceptable. Something would have to give among critical spending programmes and the government would have to court unpopularity to get the £50 billion deficit under control.

The "wake-up call" from the electorate in Newbury was not a sign of dissatisfaction with lack of spending. Spending was part of the problem. Mr Portillo, a rising star of the right of the Tory party, said that the four election wins since 1979 had been founded on a clear platform of tight control of public spending.

With the government's majority down to 18 and with Tory MPs in a rebellious mood, the Treasury is worried about its chances of bulldozing through politically explosive cuts. Mr Portillo's warnings about trimming the welfare state were an attempt to soften up Tory MPs for unpalatable measures.

His speech, to the Association of Investment Trust Companies in London, coincided with disclosures that Virginia Bottomley's £30 billion health budget has emerged as a prime target for the Treasury axe. As part of the long-term review of public spending, part of which will impinge on this year's Whitehall haggling, Mr Portillo is asking why four out of five prescriptions currently escape the charge of £4.25 an item.

The list of exemptions includes all pensioners, children under 16, students up to 19, people with chronic illnesses, mothers during pregnancy and for a year after childbirth, and those receiving income support and family credit. Prescription charges are projected to raise £278 million this year — only a tenth of the NHS drugs bill. Imposing a prescription charge on better-off pensioners and parents could raise several hundred million pounds.

"The deterioration in our public finances has been rapid," Mr Portillo said. "Following a recession which turned out longer than expected, our primary deficit, excluding debt interest, is the highest in the EC. Higher even than Italy. Naturally, our interest payments are rising fast. As recently as 1988 we repaid £14.5 billion of debt in a single year. This year we expect to borrow £50 billion — a turnaround of nearly £65 billion."

Public spending had risen by 17 per cent since 1989 while output had been stagnant. As a share of national income, state spending was up from 40 per cent to 45 per cent.

Mr Portillo emphasised the importance of not exceeding the tough spending ceilings set for the next two years, but suggested that the combination of these restraints and the £17 billion tax increases over 1994-6 would not be enough. The deficit was projected to decline from 8 per cent of GDP to just under 4 per cent over the next five years, but total public sector debt was rising fast — to £250 billion this year — and servicing it was one of the fastest growing public expenditure items. Huge tax increases, which would drag down the economy, would be needed to tackle this shortfall. Higher interest rates would be another side effect of letting spending rip.

REBECCA NADEN



School of the air: John Major puts his case on Europe, classroom tests and cabinet reshuffles on the Jimmy Young show yesterday

Major sticks to his lecture notes in politics lesson

BY ALAN HAMILTON

MARGARET Thatcher used to call him Jimmy in every other sentence. You almost felt she was cuddling her interviewer on her knee as she purred down his microphone like a grand old aunt addressing a favoured nephew.

Between Mr Young and Mr Major yesterday there was clearly a stout table. More of a tutorial between a cheeky student and a patient lecturer in a minor economics faculty who has given this lesson a hundred times before, is going to stick to his notes and not rise to any bait.

Yes, I'd be happy to spell out my vision of Europe. Not enthusiastic to move towards a single currency. A fallacy that Britain loses all the arguments in Europe. The student, champing at the bit, mentions two names that are not in the teacher's crib. "I can see you wish to catch me between Sir Edward Heath and Lord Tebbit." Woops, was that a hint of a laugh in there? Quick, back to the notes.

The student ventures that there is concern about Maastricht all over Europe. Jimmy, I share that view. But if I am to stand any chance of changing that, Jimmy, it's no use standing on the edge throwing stones in the pond. That's enough Jimmys, and enough Europe. Have you got a bunker mentality?

Always a risk. Go out and about more than any predecessor. Good. Fine. But look here, prime minister, what about VAT on fuel bills? Bit out of touch with the people on that one? No. For the average family it isn't going to be a very substantial impost.

All right, what about John Patten, who has antagonised just about everybody with his school tests. Most of your listeners are in favour of testing. We are making them less bureaucratic. No rags being lost here, the questioner thinks, so we'll get him going with the L-word. Even the suggestion that Lamont, not to mention the rest of the cabinet, might be a touch arrogant does not raise the temperature. No, I am not going to discuss reshuffles, but it was a very elegantly put question. A laugh again. Are we getting warm?

Why does everyone from *The Sun* to Lord Rees-Mogg dislike you so much? Why do they call you Mr Wobbly in Washington? Well, it's Europe. But broad shoulders. All part of the job. Thank you, prime minister. Thank you very much, Jimmy. End of lesson. Hope you got it all down. And by the way, whatever they did in Denmark, there are no plans for a written test here.

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Referendum offer keeps PR alive

John Smith yesterday opened a door which he will find it hard to close. Characteristically, he did it in a way intended not to alarm those who want the door barred up for ever. He is still unconvinced of the need for a change in the voting system for the Commons. But, by proposing a referendum, he has ensured that the debate will continue, as the supporters of reform pointed out.

The debate concerns much more than acronyms about electoral systems. The report of the Plant committee matters not because of its least common denominator proposal for a supplementary vote, which will never be adopted, but because it has changed the way the issue is debated. The report argues that "there is no perfect electoral system in the sense of uniquely satisfying the range of criteria which one might think an electoral system ought to satisfy".

The strongest case for the first past the post system, as expressed by Mr Smith yesterday, is that it will produce a decisive result and single-party government. However, Lord Plant suggests that this may not necessarily remain the case.

In the past, the system has exaggerated a winning party's victory, giving it a disproportionately higher share of MPs than votes. However, an increasing geographical concentration of party support may produce more proportional results. With the same share of the total national vote, the Tories have won fewer seats at the last two general elections. This trend increases the chances of a hung Parliament and undermines a central argument for the present system.

The Plant report bases the case for change on the growing pluralism in British political life, the shift away from a class-based view towards a greater emphasis on individual rights. The report emphasises the distortion of representation between regions produced by the increasing concentration of Labour support in big cities and industrial areas of the north and of Tory support in the suburbs, smaller towns and the rural areas. There are more Labour voters in southern England, where the party has only ten MPs outside London, than in Scotland, where it has 49 MPs.

These arguments are secondary to the central question of whether Labour can win an overall majority again. The anti-reform chapter puts the case bluntly: "We are certainly not prepared to trade the possibility of single-party government under first past the post for an electoral system which seeks to incorporate regional differentiation at the cost of permanent coalition." The right way to counter an over-mighty central government is by other constitutional changes.

There is no *right* answer. Power, and defence of their existing seats by Labour MPs in the north, matter more than principles. The outcome will be determined by what happens at the next election: whether the Tories win a fifth term or whether Labour can only form a minority government with Liberal Democrat support.

Never a crusader, Mr Smith approaches the issue of electoral reform as a party manager desiring to minimise splits and as a parliamentary conservative unwilling to disturb the constituency link. Less a leap in the dark than standing back to see others jump. It may not be heroic, but it could be politically astute.

PETER RIDDELL

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Clarke set to widen MPs' choice

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

KENNETH Clarke is looking towards a late tactical switch over the shake-up of Sunday trading laws just weeks before the government unveils plans for new legislation. The home secretary is considering adding a fourth option to the three he has already outlined and which will be detailed in a draft bill to be published in July.

The extra option, preventing most large stores from opening except on the four Sundays immediately prior to Christmas, has been drafted by the Retailers for Shops Act Reform group. The group of retailers includes leading high street names such as Marks & Spencer, House of Fraser, Gateway and Next, which are opposed to year-round Sunday trading.

The choices already offered include a total lifting of the ban on Sunday trading, partial deregulation allowing shops to open for six hours on Sunday, and a general prohibition of seven-day shopping. MPs will be allowed a "free" vote on each of the options in the next session of Parliament.

Ministers initially resisted including the fourth option because it was seen as being too similar to the general prohibition choice, as proposed by the Keep Sunday Special Campaign.

However, the government has been frustrated by delays in the final drafting of the Keep Sunday Special proposals and Mr Clarke's personal preference for a total lifting of shopping restrictions faces widespread opposition among MPs.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland; prime minister. European communities (amendment) bill, third reading.
Lords (3): Housing and urban development bill, report stage continued.

Lilley averts post offices revolt

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND ROBERT MORGAN

PETER Lilley headed off the threat of another backbench Tory revolt yesterday by promising to issue a new form making it clear that pensioners can continue to collect their money from local post offices. The social security secretary also won support with a rumbustious assault on Labour "scaremongering".

Conservative MPs rallied to Mr Lilley's side as he underlined the government's commitment to a nationwide network of post offices and made clear that moves aimed at encouraging direct payment of benefits into bank and building society accounts would not ignore the rival claims of sub-post offices.

The controversy was caused by a trial of new official forms on payment methods, one of which made no mention of the Post Office as it sought to encourage people reaching retirement age to receive their pensions by automated credit transfer (ACT). Yesterday Mr Lilley said: "The new form will, of course, mention the Post Office option."

Amid rowdy scenes in the Commons, Donald Dewar, the Labour spokesman, said that the cost-cutting quest for ACT was "bordering on the dishonest".

But Mr Lilley delighted his supporters by saying that all small post offices "at present are paid a fixed sum regardless of volume so changes in ACT will make no difference to the amount of remuneration they get".

Officials disclosed later that under the contract between the Benefits Agency and Post Office Counters Ltd, the company has to "provide a continuing and effective nationwide service" with any "significant change" to its size or make-up a matter for discussion between the parties.

Mr Lilley said that it cost £650 million a year to distribute social security benefits. Each payment by order book cost 44p, compared with just 3p for ACT. Against this background, the government was bound to encourage ACT.

It was "nonsense" to blame ACT for closures of sub-post offices when such closures were running at a lower rate than in the 1970s, Mr Lilley said.

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Parliament backs away from clash with Yeltsin

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ After last month's poll success, the Russian president is trying to force through constitutional changes. Parliament is still trying to stifle reforms that curb its powers

RUSLAN Khasbulatov, Russia's parliamentary Speaker, has toned down his attacks on President Yeltsin's plans for constitutional reform, after leading political figures indicated that they were drawing back from confrontation with the president.

Nikolai Ryabov, Mr Khasbulatov's deputy, noted for his immoderate attacks on Mr Yeltsin, told *Izvestia* it was time to "seriously correct the course of conflict" and added, "if not, there will be no president and no parliament but only political oblivion". Mr Khasbulatov also said that compromise "could not be avoided".

However, Mr Khasbulatov did not specify how he intended to respond to Mr Yeltsin's calling of the special assembly, made up of regional leaders, to pass a new constitution, which he had previously described as illegal. Even Sergei Baburin, one of Mr Yeltsin's most extreme parliamentary opponents, has now agreed it would be wise for parliament to work with the assembly.

The new temperate tones emanating from the parliament, focus of opposition to the president for more than a year, indicate that the aura of confidence surrounding Mr Khasbulatov may be fading. Mr Yeltsin is using the boost he received in last month's referendum to press home his constitutional changes.

The deputies fear that any new constitution, even if it does not deliver to Mr Yeltsin the strong hand he seeks to rule Russia, would circumscribe the powers now granted to them under the old Soviet-era document. Their tough talk has a habit of fading to whimpers when they sense their own importance is under threat.

Their allegiance to Mr Khasbulatov, who chivvied, threatened and often told them plainly how to vote at the Congress of People's Deputies and the standing parliament throughout last year, has not been fully restored since he sought backroom deals with Mr Yeltsin in the last hours of the emergency March congress that would have entailed its abolition. The deputies turned on Mr Khasbulatov.

There are signs that many conservatives are now behind Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president, as the main hope to unseat Mr Yeltsin, rather than Mr Khasbulatov.

The latter's career is likely



Khasbulatov: aura of confidence fading

to stand or fall with the fate of parliamentary power. As an ethnic Chechen he is an unacceptable candidate for the presidency and even those hardliners who support him politically treat him as something of a social outsider. However, Mr Khasbulatov is unlikely to go down without a fight and his rhetorical gifts would be missed amid the stodgy deliberations of Russian politics; he recently lambasted congress as "an infernal machine".

Mr Yeltsin's camp is determined to press ahead with constitutional reforms to end the deadlock between the two branches of power. Sergei Shakrai, a deputy prime minister, said yesterday that the government would seek a referendum on the draft document if it was rejected by congress and the assembly.

Vyacheslav Kostikov, the president's spokesman, sought to exploit the split in the parliamentary ranks praising "those forces among the deputies . . . who have the courage and farsightedness to move away from confrontation with the president and towards dialogue". The Supreme Soviet also suffered a further setback when the constitutional court ruled yesterday that its attempt last summer to bring the liberal *Izvestia* newspaper under its control was illegal.

□ **Vilnius:** General Pavel Grachev, Russia's defence minister, visiting Lithuania, pledged yesterday to withdraw virtually all the 10,500 Russian soldiers still there by September as planned. He added that demands for a pull-out from Latvia and Estonia could not be met until bilateral agreements had been reached. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Heroine defends hostage taker

Paris: Laurence Dreyfus, the French nursery school teacher who chose to stay with her toddler pupils for most of a 46-hour hostage drama last week, says her hooded captor was no monster and that she was no "Joan of Arc" heroine.

Mme Dreyfus, in her first interview since the drama, told *Paris Match* magazine that she held no grudge against Eric Schmitt, who was shot dead by police. "I cannot stand hearing the man who led this hostage-taking called a monster," she said.

"Of course he made us suffer — the parents, the children, my relatives, myself. But he was always correct and calm. I spoke with him, we exchanged ideas, words. For me he was a human being and he remains one, even if I never saw his face."

At one point, Schmitt told Mme Dreyfus: "I've caused you and the children so much trouble that I'd like to set aside envelopes with enough money to pay for a week's holiday for you all." *(Reuter)*

Mayor arrested

Rome: Italy's corruption investigation snared another prominent politician with the arrest of Claudio Burlando, mayor of Genoa, in connection with last year's celebrations of the city's native son, Christopher Columbus. *(AP)*

West Bank raid

Hebron: Soldiers shot and killed two Palestinian militants and blew up underground hideouts during a helicopter-backed raid in the occupied West Bank, military and Arab reports said. *(AP)*

Militants seized

Cairo: Egyptian police have arrested 822 members of Vanguards of the New Holy Struggle, a previously unknown Muslim fundamentalist group that is seeking full Islamic rule. They were charged with forming an illegal organisation. *(Reuter)*

Revolt pays off

Bangui: Regular troops in the Central African Republic mutinied over unpaid wages, forcing President Kolingba to order the release of two months' back-pay. Troops sealed off the treasury and evicted workers. *(Reuter)*

Deadly counsel

Peking: Police arrested a woman in northern China who wanted a son so desperately that she poisoned her three young daughters on the advice of a soothsayer, it was reported. All of the three children died. *(Reuter)*

Vance-Owen plan blamed for 'ethnic cleansing'

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE UN investigator of atrocities in Bosnia-Herzegovina made a devastating indictment of the Vance-Owen plan yesterday, saying it had accelerated "ethnic cleansing".

"The peace plan, according to which Bosnia and Herzegovina would be divided along ethnic lines, has been used in order to create ethnically homogeneous areas," Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the former Polish prime minister, said in a report. He said the lack of an effective international response to the policy of "ethnic cleansing" by Serb forces created the precedent of impunity, which allowed them to continue and encouraged Croat forces to adopt the same policy. He detailed alleged war crimes by Croat forces against Muslim civilians, including summary execution, the destruction of homes and the ambush of fleeing civilians.

Mr Mazowiecki's charges will embarrass Western governments at a time that the Vance-Owen plan appears to be unravelling. Britain brushed aside Mr Mazowiecki's criticisms. "The same charges were levelled at the proposals put forward by Lord Carrington [the former European Community mediator]. They come up every time there is a ceasefire," an official said.

"The plan is the basis for a settlement. We are not saying it is perfect. We have got a range of economic and political pressures and those will remain on the Bosnian Serbs until they see sense." Britain supported Lord Owen's attempt in talks with Croat and Muslim leaders to stop the fighting, though insisting that no agreement should foreclose an overall settlement.

Mr Mazowiecki said grave allegations of human rights violations had been made against both Croats and Muslims during the fighting in April and May. The principal victim was the Muslim community. "This population lives in fear of being exterminated," he said. He said attempts to implement the Vance-Owen plan stimulated certain acts in order to accomplish a *fait accompli*. "In this way, it stimulated ethnic cleansing."

Another UN report says that the UN peacekeeping force in Croatia is starting to crumble because of money shortages and the stalemate between Zagreb and the country's Serb minority. One battalion of the peacekeepers — identified by diplomats as the Nigerian contingent of some 900 men — has announced it will withdraw from the 13,000-strong force, and no other country is ready to provide replacement troops because the UN is not able to reimburse their cost on time. The UN is also having difficulty finding countries to contribute the 2,200 new peacekeepers that will be needed if the Croatian Serbs agree to implement a ceasefire accord.

"The UN Protection Force (Unprofor) is severely handicapped in performing its functions and its personnel are in peril," Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, wrote in a report to the security council. UN observers and police are often unable to leave the main towns in the Serb pockets of Croatia. Peacekeepers have been threatened. Dr Boutros Ghali even suggested that the security council consider withdrawing the UN force from Croatia, but he leaned towards maintaining the UN presence in its existing form, with the addition of about 400 men and 160 armoured personnel carriers.

□ **Pale, Bosnia:** Bosnian Serb deputies here were told yesterday that 96 per cent of voters in the weekend referendum had rejected the Vance-Owen plan and the same number had voted in favour of an independent Bosnian Serb state. But the deputies appeared to be backing away from a formal "declaration of independence". The assembly also adopted a declaration that it would abide by ceasefire agreements.

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Mazowiecki: reported Croat war crimes

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Clean up: a British soldier, left, targets snipers, while others search for bodies in Muslim houses burnt by Croats opposite the British UN base in Vitez

British camp in Croat crossfire

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others appeared to have been set alight later in the day.

Five families from the community of Bazen on the outskirts of Vitez escaped from the Croats and joined about 200 Muslims who have taken refuge in four houses to the east of the camp.

One man, whose 23-year-old son had been killed by machinegun fire the day before, and whose body had been dumped by the camp, said the Croats had been threatening to cleanse Bazen of Muslims for a month.

Muslim snipers, who have been firing on Croat snipers for several days, opened fire from two houses on a hill to the east of the camp, adding to the noise over the British base.

One Muslim woman said: "My house was torched by the Croats. They were looting and burning the houses."

Within 15 minutes of the gunfire starting, five British armoured Warriors were deployed up and down the main road separating the camp from the houses under fire. There were no retaliatory shots from the British soldiers, and no incoming rounds landed in the camp.

Last night, after a warning from the Croat militia to the Muslims to stop firing, an anti-aircraft weapon opened fire on Muslim sniper positions. Before dawn this morning two British Warriors will sit on the hill as a deterrent to try to stop the Croats from taking the Muslim position.

An outbreak of fighting between Muslims and Croats in Vitez had been threatened for days, with constant sniper fire. One Croat sniper appears to be a neighbour of mine, positioned three houses away.

Soldiers from the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire aimed their weapons in the direction of the gunfire in case they were aimed at. Lieutenant Colonel Alastair Duncan, commander of the new battalion group in Bosnia-Herzegovina, said: "I can't interpose between the two sides. But the local commanders know that we have an agreement that there should be no military action within 500 metres of the camp."

Standing beside a Warrior, Lieutenant Colonel Duncan said: "My most important concern is the safety of my own troops. The camp is secure. Our actions are limited, although we do as much as we can to stop the fighting."

Earlier, a British military spokesman said: "We can't join in. There's no point in us starting a six-month tour by going for the snipers and ending up becoming a fourth side in the civil war."

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Russians launch diplomatic drive to salvage peace plan

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ANDREI Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, was struggling last night to salvage the Owen-Vance peace plan during intense diplomatic activity on the fringes of a meeting of foreign and defence ministers of the Western European Union.

The ministerial session of the ten-nation body began with lunch at the Italian foreign ministry with Bosnia-Herzegovina at the top of the menu. Italy is the present WEU chairman and the meeting coincided with a visit to Naples by Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the Bosnia mediators, to discuss the implementation of their plan with Nato commanders.

At the same time Mr Kozyrev had talks here with Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the Italian prime minister. The Russian envoy was expected to meet Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, last night. Mr Kosyrev repeated Russia's offer to send troops to monitor Bosnian frontiers.

After talks with Beniamino Andreatta, the Italian foreign minister, Mr Kozyrev said he hoped a last-minute deal could be reached to salvage the peace plan. "If the Vance-Owen plan is dead then what is alive? Probably everyone and everything will be dead in Yugoslavia. The only alternative is unrestrained fighting."

President Clinton said on Tuesday that he was unsure if the plan for Bosnia brokered by the United Nations remained feasible after its rejection by the Bosnian Serbs. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said the Bosnian conflict was a "morass" and a "war of all against all" with atrocities on all sides. Lord Owen said his peace plan was on track after Croats and Muslims agreed a truce. The United States and Russia disagreed whether the formula to end the 13-month war would ever work.

Ridiculed Clinton beats a retreat on Bosnia

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL BINYON

WARREN Christopher, the US Secretary of State, is to meet his Russian, British and French counterparts in Washington today, tomorrow and on Monday, but one thing is now obvious: any new drive to end Bosnia's bloodshed will have to come from the Europeans, not America.

The Clinton administration, its plan for arming Bosnia's Muslims flatly rejected by the allies, is beating a rapid retreat from what Mr Christopher calls the "problem from hell". There is no popular support in America for military intervention. Mr Clinton has decided to cut his losses and largely relinquish the leadership role he assumed three months ago.

On Tuesday, he pointedly declared that "at heart this is a European problem". He planned to "take advantage of the best thinking from the European side because in many, many respects it's their problem". He called Bosnia a "morass" of ancient hatreds, a "war between all, against all" with each belligerent guilty of atrocities. He thereby implied that without an obvious victim there was no moral case for intervention.

Mr Christopher insists the US plan for arming the Muslims remains on the table, but in reality it is on the shelf. The administration's emphasis has switched sharply from curtailing the conflict to containing it within Bosnia's borders. Preserving alliance unity has become the overriding priority. Mr Clinton has virtually ceased talking about Bosnia, leaving any pronouncements to his hapless Secretary of State, and exasperated European officials complain that the administration will not make decisions.

Mr Clinton had "so far failed utterly in Bosnia . . . advocating the use of force but not doing so, belittling the Vance-Owen peace plan and then adopting it, claiming unity with our European allies and then conceding none exists," wrote the *Washington Post* columnist Richard Cohen.

Advocates of intervention are furious. "He's told all these dictators around the world that he's a bluffer," said Dana Rohrabacher, a Republican congresswoman. "It borders on being a farce," said Frank McCloskey, a Democratic congressman. "Clinton is abdicating leadership of the free world," said a spokesman for the American Muslim Council.

Mr Clinton's past statements on Bosnia are already returning to haunt him. "While the Bush administration goes back and forth, more lives are being lost and the situation grows more desperate by the day," he declared when he first advocated military intervention to prove he was not another Democratic "dove".

"When . . . the will and conscience of the international community is defied, we will act — with peaceful diplomacy whenever possible, with force when necessary," he proclaimed in his inaugural address. After the Bosnian Serb parliament's rejection of the Vance-Owen peace plan earlier this month, he ordered Mr Christopher to intensify pressure on the Europeans and to be "insistent that the time has come for the international community to unite and act quickly and decisively". Only last Friday he insisted: "We are not vacillating. We have a clear, strong policy."

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, will travel to America tomorrow for talks with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, and Mr Christopher.

□ **French plan:** France is seeking international support for a plan to deploy additional United Nations troops in Muslim-populated "safe areas" in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and diplomats say the proposal has broad support in the Security Council (James Bone writes).

France envisages both reinforcing and redeploying the existing 9,000-strong UN force in the former Yugoslav republic to protect the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo and the four Muslim enclaves of Bihac, Tuzla, Zepa and Srebrenica, and Foca and Gorazde.

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As the din of gunfire and celebration dies in Copenhagen, Europe's gaze turns to Britain

Danish 'Yes' bought at cost of worst postwar violence

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

IN THE aftermath of the Danish referendum, police opened fire directly on Copenhagen demonstrators for the first time in the country's postwar history to save an injured officer, a police spokesman said yesterday.

"The unrest is the worst we have ever experienced in Copenhagen," Willy Eliasen, a police spokesman, said. "We witnessed an aggressiveness and total disregard for human life that we have never experienced before."

Mr Eliasen said the police fired up to 100 warning shots, then turned their small arms fire directly on the demonstrators when it looked as if they might kill an injured policeman lying on the ground. However, demonstrators accused police of strong-arm tactics. "They shot us because we said 'No' to the Maastricht treaty," one man with a gunshot wound in his leg told reporters.

The rioters were denounced by politicians on all sides. "These events are totally unacceptable," Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the prime minister told a press conference. "My thoughts go at this moment to our police who have been hit badly. This riot was planned and organised, and the government will not hesitate to ensure that this will not happen again," he added.

Mr Rasmussen said the rioters, angered at the vote which approved the treaty, had thrown between six and eight tonnes of rocks and bricks at police. Mr Eliasen said the police had shot and wounded 11 people. Nine protesters were still in hospital last night, but all the police had been allowed home.

The violence cast a shadow over the referendum. Barely had the Danes' 56.8 to 43.2 per cent endorsement of closer European union been announced than the pent-up tensions of a year-long political confrontation over Europe exploded in rioting in the poor Norrebro (North Bridge) quarter of the capital. More than 300 squatters and activists — mainly youths incensed by the result, or drunk after spring festivities — clashed with police in a five-hour stand-off. The district, which they had earlier declared an "EC-free zone", was turned into a wasteland of burnt-out barricades, torn-up cobblestones, bricks and splintered glass.

Working-class Norrebro, inhabited by disaffected, unemployed young people and polarised political groups, was frequently the scene of street confrontations involving large-scale police intervention in the 1970s and 1980s.

Even before the din of celebration and rioting had died down, leading European Community figures began setting the EC's crowded agenda



Rasmussen: rioting was "totally unacceptable"

for the rest of the year. Ratification of the treaty is so far behind schedule that a backlog of divisive questions has accumulated in the EC's bottom drawer. Although the Community will wait several months at least for British and German ratification, Denmark's clear-cut endorsement of the treaty has released several combatants from the discretion which they maintained until the Danish vote.

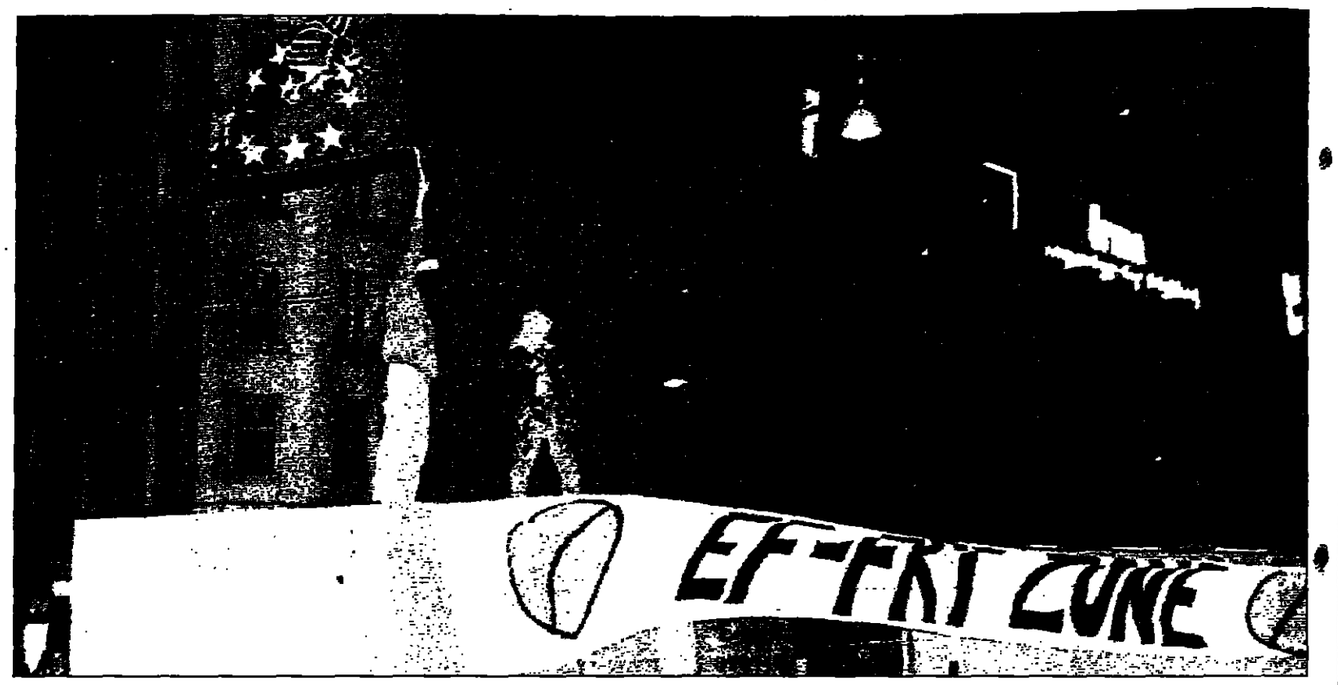
Alain Juppé, France's foreign minister, quickly raised two topics which the British government would like to stay well clear of until the treaty's fate is fully settled. "The first priority is to convince our partners ... starting with Britain, to come back to the discipline of the European Monetary System," he said. Interviewed on French radio yesterday, M Juppé said that the EC needed to re-examine its majority voting system before admitting the four states now negotiating to join in 1995. This is one of the most sensitive subjects inside the EC: France fears the voting power of small-state coalitions in an EC of 16 members. Small states fear any dilution of their power.

EC finance ministers meet in Denmark this weekend to complete their inquest on the storms which struck the exchange-rate mechanism last autumn. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will be under pressure to make more accommodating noises about when and how Britain might rejoin the mechanism, and to soften his claims that the mechanism has "fault lines". Two reports are understood to deny that the system is structurally unsound.

The weekend meeting will also inaugurate the public battle over the "criteria" laid down in the Maastricht treaty for deciding which states would qualify for a single currency towards the end of the century. Britain, with a Maastricht escape clause from monetary union, stands outside a debate which pits countries such as Belgium and France against the stern Bundesbank and German finance ministry. Belgian ministers are asking for the criteria to be revised, while German central bankers insist that the rules should stay as they are and be strictly observed. A spokesman for the European Commission said yesterday that the treaty's wording need not be interpreted too "mechanically".



Maastricht mayhem: a wounded youth, left, and an injured policeman, right, are carried to safety after battles broke out in Copenhagen following the Danish "Yes" vote. About 200 people blocked roads, overturned vehicles and put up banners proclaiming an "EC-free zone", below



Little has been seen or heard of Jacques Delors, the Commission's president, apart from a brief and formal welcome for the Danish vote. He has spent several months casting around for a grand theme with which to complete his long term at head of the Commission: the search has been hampered by the volatile sensitivity of the ratification battles in both Britain and Denmark. He is effectively barred from espousing ideas which might frighten doubting voters away from Maastricht.

☐ **Tax reform:** The Maastricht referendum behind it, the Danish government yesterday unveiled a promised tax reform programme designed to give most Danes sizeable income tax breaks over the next five years.

The reform calls for cuts in Denmark's exceptionally high marginal tax rates, to be financed by new energy and environmental taxes, Mr Rasmussen said at a presentation for journalists. He said the plan broadly envisaged reducing taxes to between 38 and 58 per cent of income compared with today's 52-68 per cent range within the period 1994-1998.

The aim of the reform is to bring income tax in Denmark more in line with the rest of Europe in the spirit of the single market which took effect in the European Community in January. *(Reuter)*

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Copenhagen: Poul Jespersen, a baker in the Jutland village of Serup, claimed to have predicted the outcome of the Danish referendum with almost pinpoint accuracy on the basis of his tart sales. Mr Jespersen said the result would be 56.4 per cent for and 43.6 per cent against, after selling 834 tarts inscribed "Ja" and 644 with "Nej". The result was 56.8 per cent to 43.2 per cent. Gallup predicted a 58 per cent to 42 per cent result. *(AFP)*

Kohl claims a modest victory as poll shows Germans shun integration

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN AND SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

GERMANY, Spain and France yesterday claimed that, following Denmark's "Yes" vote, the European focus had shifted from Danish voters to the British Parliament.

"I believe it is an encouragement to our friends in Great Britain to vote for the treaty," Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, declared after meeting Felipe González, Spain's prime minister. The Spanish leader — in Germany to receive an award for contributing to European integration — agreed. "I think the vote is a very positive present for John Major."

The French government called for Britain to rejoin the European Monetary System (EMS), adding that, because of the pro-Maastricht vote, Europe was no longer "suspended". Alain Lamassoure, the minister for European affairs, said: "The English must understand that Europe is, for them, a more effective way of dealing with the great, common problems that face us, without British identity ever being brought into question."

It became clear yesterday, however, that German politicians have not convinced their own people of the value of Maastricht or European unity.

The respected Wickert Institute carried out an opinion poll in Germany a week before the referendum but kept the result secret until it was over. The survey showed that 75 per cent of Germans want to digest the effects of German unification before proceeding to fuller European integration.

About 54 per cent thought that all further European integration should be suspended until German unification is complete, and 66 per cent said they hoped the Danes would vote "No" in the referendum; 83 per cent said thatGermany should hold a referendum.

There is, however, no chance of that. Parliament passed the Maastricht treaty and all that is required before ratification is a ruling by the Constitutional Court to establish that the treaty does not violate the constitution.

The Wickert poll shows that opposition to Maastricht is surprisingly broad in Germany, but the criticism has not found much of an outlet in party politics: the objections lodged with the Constitutional Court were framed mainly by the Greens and far-right parties. It is thought unlikely that the court will rule in their favour.

Herr Kohl, aware of the growing Euroscepticism in Germany, emphasised yesterday that his aim was not to create a giant bureaucratic Europe. He said he admired Churchill's Zurich speech of 1946 in which the idea was floated of a United States of Europe.

However, the present programme for European union was not, he said, aiming to be the equivalent of America.

"I find it understandable that people do not want a European superstate — they want to be European but keep their identities as German, French, Italian or Spaniards."

The chancellor shrugged off the British idea that extending the European Community could in some way replace the goal of integration. "Both things have to be high on our agenda — European union and a bigger European home. There is no 'either or' about this. Deepening and broadening the European Community are not contradictory aims."

He expected that Austria, Sweden, Finland and Norway would be admitted to the EC by 1995, on schedule. As for monetary union, it would need "work, lots of hard work" to meet the strict entry criteria.

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Bank chief accused of cooking the book

BY SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH

JACQUES Attali, the controversial head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, yesterday denied improperly using passages from the work of a Nobel prize winner and said he would sue *Le Nouvel Observateur*, the Paris current affairs weekly magazine, for defamation.

M Attali's book *Verbatim*, published last month amid a blaze of favourable publicity, is based on his own observations and conversations with President Mitterrand. These conversations took place during his term as special adviser at the Elysée palace between 1981 and 1986.

But Elie Wiesel, the author and Nobel prize winner, has claimed that some 43 passages in the book, many as long as 20 lines, are in fact quotes from conversations between himself and M Mitterrand. None of the passages except four refers to Mr Wiesel. They are under dates ranging only to 1986. The Wiesel-Mitterrand discussions, which are themselves to appear in book form, did not begin until late 1987.

Today's editions of *Le Nouvel Observateur* feature an article which suggests that M Attali may be taken to court by Mr Wiesel for breaching Mr Wiesel's rights in the conversations.

M Attali insisted that, as he had personally been present at all but one of the Mitterrand-Wiesel conversations, he was entitled to use them in his book. He said that he knew the conversations were to be used for a book, but that they had been cut short, and that no contract had been signed.

He also claimed that President Mitterrand had read editing-proofs of his book,



Attali: threatens to sue French magazine

and had raised no objections to the passages being quoted.

Odile Jacob, Mr Wiesel's editor, described M Attali's actions as "piracy" and said she believed her client's project had been gravely compromised. But she said that she would leave it to the two authors concerned to sort out the matter. M Attali yesterday said he would sue the magazine for damage to his reputation.

The flamboyant bank president was accused of "borrowing" from other authors back to 1983, after he published *Histoires du Temps*. Early editions of the book contained passages from the German writer Ernst Jünger, but without quote marks or any indication that they were not the work of M Attali. This was later corrected by the publisher.

The accuracy of M Attali's diary-style account of the early Mitterrand years has also been challenged. Robert Badinter, the former justice minister, disputed an account of a cabinet discussion on illegal immigration, saying the minutes showed that M Attali had misquoted him.

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Warning issued against 'policy drift' as Clinton tries to avert rebellion

Think-tank urges swift action by Democrats

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Clinton administration could fall into "drift and paralysis" unless it formulates an overall vision of its policies and produces quick results, a leading think-tank said yesterday.

The London-based International Institute of Strategic Studies called the election of Bill Clinton one of the few bright spots in a bleak year. It had restored hope and confidence to the American people, the institute said in an annual report prepared before the recent slump in the president's popularity.

His team had "quickly demonstrated a refreshing will to tackle economic and social problems which had increasingly threatened to disrupt American life and act as a restraint on the necessary US international leadership role". The institute issued a warning, however, that the volatile American public might turn against the president unless the Clinton formula for recovery proved sound. "There will be many who still believe in sacrifice, but somebody else's sacrifice."

The report said Mr Clinton had strengthened American policy on Bosnia-Herzegovina and vigorously backed President Yeltsin — moves that "must be greeted with at least two cheers". But the report, which took no account of the diplomatic impasse on Bosnia, said his team had not yet produced an "over-arching vision" of foreign policy, although some elements such as economic competitiveness, democracy and human rights, were emerging.

The institute argued that there was a better case for United Nations intervention in Burma than Bosnia. The UN had to choose which conflicts it could stop and which it could not. "There are simply not enough human and financial resources ... to call to account all the inhumane regimes ... that are oppressing the weak and the innocent around the world."

Describing 1992 as a year in which "almost everything that can go wrong did go wrong", the report said the UN should intervene only in situations where it could earn "something besides opprobrium". Military leaders were right to be wary of involvement in Bosnia. Even if peace could be imposed, it would collapse as soon as an outside force was withdrawn.

☐ *Angola shift:* The administration will recognise the Angola government and end 30 years of mostly futile American intervention.



Popularity exercise: Bill Clinton trying to defend as Ron Brown, commerce secretary, prepares to shoot a basket in a game in South-Central Los Angeles

White House fights to rescue tax plans

■ The president is caught in a bind over his economic policy. If he placates the party rebels, he may succeed only in alienating the big-spending Democratic liberals

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton headed for Capitol Hill yesterday to try to ward off a potentially disastrous rebellion against his economic plan by conservative and moderate Democrats.

Hours after returning from California, where he had tried to whip up public support for the plan, he was meeting congressmen from his own party in a bid to stop them jumping ship next week. The rebels, who face re-election next year, believe the plan is top-heavy with tax rises and contains no guarantees that the federal deficit will eventually be reduced. They want another $50-$60 billion (£33-£40 billion) in spending cuts, legally binding caps on social security and other huge "entitlement" programmes, and the abandonment of the proposed new energy tax.

More than 60 of them attended a Tuesday night meeting with Howard Paster, the White House congressional liaison officer, suggesting they might muster the 42 votes required to defeat the plan if all Republican congressmen vote against it. Such a defeat on a key element of Mr Clinton's legislative programme would deal a severe blow to his presidency and must be averted. However, the White House risks alienating big-spending liberal Democrats if it bows to the rebels' demands.

"It's clear there's going to have to be some compromise because there are not the votes today for the tax bill," said Dave McCurdy, a rebel who last year seconded Mr Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination and was one of his key campaign advisers.

The White House insisted yesterday that it felt "very good" about the legislation's chances. But with public support for the economic plan slipping, Tom Foley, the House Speaker, admitted he was concerned about getting the legislation past a united Republican opposition. "We need all the factions of the Democratic Party to unite for that purpose," he said as Democratic whips took head counts on the floor.



Foley: has called for unity of Democrats

Mr Foley indicated that he might compromise on the rebels' demand for separate votes on their amendments, but Al Gore, the vice-president, flatly condemned the idea of capping entitlement programmes. "We oppose it unequivocally and very strongly," he said. At present the plan contains $246 billion in new taxes and $97 billion in spending cuts.

Assuming the House does approve the plan, it still faces a serious challenge in the Senate, where key Democrats on the finance committee want to kill the proposed new $72 billion energy tax.

While Mr Clinton was meeting Democratic congressmen on Capitol Hill yesterday, one of his nominees was facing tough confirmation hearings before the Senate judiciary committee over his membership of an all-white country club. Webster Hubbell, an old Arkansas friend of the president's who has been named associate attorney-general, told the committee he had resigned from the Little Rock club to avoid the appearance of a "lack of sensitivity". He insisted he had tried for years to recruit black members but without success. Joseph Biden, the committee chairman, said he had received many letters about Mr Hubbell's nomination but personally had no problems with Mr Hubbell's record.

☐ *Compromise move:* The row over homosexuals serving in the US military could be resolved through a compromise offered by a Democratic congressman. Although it might be endorsed by the White House and Congress, homosexual rights groups denounced the proposal, which falls short of the total lifting of the ban that had been demanded by Mr Clinton in his first days in office (Wolfgang Münchau writes).

Barney Frank, a Massachusetts Democrat and gay rights advocate, has proposed that homosexuals should be allowed to serve in the military but not to admit their homosexuality while on-duty: off-duty they would be able to do so. It is highly unlikely that Congress would approve a total lifting of the ban.

Mr Frank has admitted that "this is the best we can do, given the way the political forces have arrayed themselves". He said he regretted that an immediate lifting of the ban was not possible. "The rule will be: on-duty, in uniform, on-base, in effect you're asexual". The White House, while disagreeing with discrimination in principle, should welcome the idea because it would, at least temporarily, end a debate which has blighted the presidency in its first months.

Teachers' strike threat forces de Klerk to yield

BY RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

URGENT moves are expected to be made by the South African government in the next 48 hours to save black education from collapse. As President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, prepared to meet in Cape Town yesterday to discuss the issue, there were signs that the government would yield to demands by teachers and students.

Up to 80,000 black, Coloured and Indian teachers, members of the South African Democratic Teachers' Union, are due to begin an indefinite national strike on Monday for a 30 per cent pay rise and a halt to retrenchments. At the same time, the ANC-affiliated Congress of South African Students plans to launch a campaign of mass protest, including occupation of empty and under-used white schools.

First among the steps to be announced by the government will be the establishment of a national education forum. It will include the government, student and teacher organisations and the ANC-affiliated National Education Co-ordinating Committee, and will work on the principle of consensus. Its formation has been one of the key demands of black education bodies for months, but the government has insisted it would regard such a body as purely advisory.

Piet Marais, minister of national education, said yesterday that the government was determined to establish the representative body within weeks to negotiate a new education system. He indicated that one of its priorities would be resolving the compulsory 48 rand (£10) matriculation examination fee, which has provoked destructive demonstrations by black pupils.

Mr Marais said the government could not abolish the fees unilaterally. "While we are now moving towards establishing a forum, any possibility of scrapping exam fees should be referred to the forum involving all the players," he said. "Presently, I am being blamed for restructuring education unilaterally."

The National Peace Committee, set up under an accord signed by the government, the ANC and other political parties, is believed to have helped to persuade the government to change tack. Mr de Klerk has been under pressure from National Party hawks not to give way to the teachers' and students' demands. It is maintained that, if the government yields over fees, other issues will be raised immediately as part of the political agenda.

Police said yesterday there was no evidence to support theories of a widespread right-wing conspiracy behind the April 10 assassination of Chris Hani, the South African Communist Party leader.

"We believe that only individuals were involved and they were acting as individuals. There is no proof whatsoever that Mr Hani's death came as a result of a widespread plot by right-wingers," Police Brigadier Frans Malherbe said. "There will not be any more arrests. We have all of those we believe were major players."

Janusz Walus, a Polish immigrant, Clive Derby-Lewis, a leading right-wing politician, and his Australian-born wife, Gaye, have been charged with the murder of the former guerrilla leader. Police said earlier they suspected that the murder, which unleashed a wave of black anger, was part of a right-wing conspiracy.

Commander George Churchill-Coleman of Scotland Yard, who was called in to observe the police investigation, has left South Africa.



UN role in Timor trial questioned

BY DAVID WATTS

INDONESIA has accused a United Nations special envoy of interfering in the trial of Xanana Gusmao, the East Timor rebel leader.

Ali Alatas, the foreign minister, has promised to investigate allegations that Amos Wako, the former Kenyan attorney-general, persuaded Mr Xanana to take a tougher, more confrontational attitude at his trial. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, has made the resolution of Indonesia's illegal occupation of East Timor a key aim of his term of office.

The allegations were made after Mr Xanana, at his trial on May 5, refused assistance from Sudjono, his defence lawyer, and also insisted that he be allowed to read his personal statement in Portuguese, since he has an inadequate command of the Indonesian language.

Heronymus Godang, the presiding judge, halted the trial on Monday and stopped Mr Xanana from continuing to read his statement, calling it full of irrelevant political theory.

The International Commission of Jurists said yesterday that Indonesia had violated Mr Xanana's human rights. Amnesty International has called for the speech to be released and for Indonesia to open the trial to international scrutiny.

Mr Xanana, 46, had previously been so compliant that some supporters suspected that he had been drugged or tortured.

Black woman to take over as America's poet laureate

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

RITA Dove, a Pulitzer prize-winning writer, has been named as America's next poet laureate, the first black poet to be appointed to the post and, at 40, the youngest.

Ms Dove won a Pulitzer poetry prize in 1987 for *Thomas and Beulah*, a collection based on recollections of her grandparents and strongly redolent of black American history. Describing her as "a younger poet of distinction and versatility", James H. Billington, the Librarian of Congress, said that Ms Dove was "an outstanding representative of a new and richly variegated generation of American poets".

Between 1937 and 1986 the Library of Congress appointed only poetry consultants, but in 1987 the position was elevated and dignified with the title of laureate, reflecting the British honour. Previous American poet laureates include Robert Penn Warren, Joseph Brodsky and the present incumbent, Mona Van Duyn. Unlike its British counterpart, the post does not require the holder to compose poetry for state occasions; indeed, in return for the $35,000 (£22,875) salary, Ms Dove has few tasks other than to offer advice on literary questions and promote poetry to the public.

Born in Akron, Ohio, Ms Dove is Commonwealth Professor of English at Virginia University and has published a novel and a collection of short stories in addition to four volumes of poetry.

Ms Dove's poetry has few frills, as shown in this extract from *Mississippi, a meditation on the river* and its place in black American life, published in *Grace Notes*, a 1989 collection of her work:

In the beginning was the dark
moan and creak, a sidewheel
moving through.
Thicker then, scent of lilac,
scent of thyme;
slight hairs on a wrist
lying down in sweat.



Dove: "finally the poet is being recognised"

The appointment of Ms Dove, who takes office in October as the seventh laureate, is further evidence of the success of black American poetry. The choice of Maya Angelou to write an inaugural poem for President Clinton was described yesterday by Ms Dove as a breakthrough for black poetry. "I really did feel this incredible shiver of hope," she said. "Finally, after many, many, many years, the poet is being recognised."

Although the laureateship is considered the highest honour in American poetry, it is not universally coveted, and the job of promoting poetry to a television-soaked public can be onerous. According to *The Washington Post*, when asked if she thought the job should run for two years rather than one, Ms Van Duyn said: "If someone did ask me ... I would scream and run as fast as possible in the other direction."

Iran changes tack on rights

BY PETER FEUILHERADE

IRAN'S parliament this week set up its own human rights committee, with 12 members of the majlis and five non-MPs forming the executive council. Its role is intended to be "national but non-governmental", Tehran radio said.

Membership of the committee is open to all those interested and its aim will be "to ensure proper respect for human rights", according to Said Raja i-Khorasani, a Tehran MP who heads the committee. He said the body would investigate and prepare reports on the state of human rights in Iran and abroad and "offer suggestions and advice for resolving any existing problems". He insisted that it would not be linked with parliament or government, and would receive its funds from "interested parties and donations from the people".

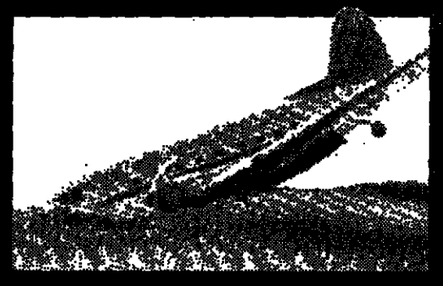
The appointment of Dr Raja i-Khorasani suggests that the new committee's primary role will be to counter international criticism of Iran's human rights record. Iranian leaders maintain that Iran does implement human rights, but within the context of Islamic values, which are not properly appreciated in the West.

Amnesty International said this week that it hoped the committee would examine the basic human rights safeguards contained in important treaties signed by Iran, such as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to bring Iranian law and practices into conformity with these minimum standards.

Last year Iran expelled all 15 staff of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and a United Nations report accused it of torturing prisoners and excessive use of the death penalty.

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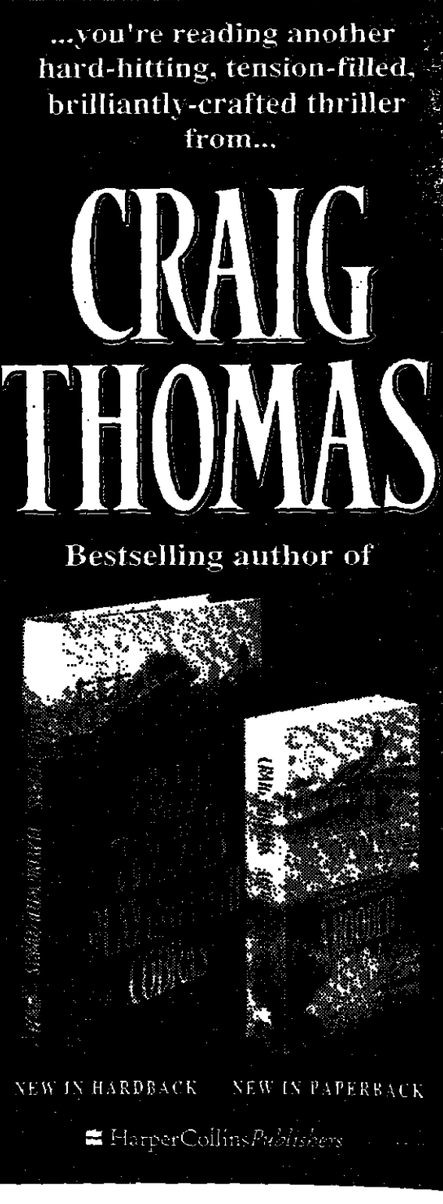


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Why I won't buy this doughnut

The changes planned for Derbyshire and our other counties could store up decades of rancour, warns **Matthew Parris**

Derbyshire is nowhere near Cricklewood and I am no Alan Coren. I have neither the wit nor the ambition to place my own county next to the marmalade on the nation's breakfast tables. But something is imminent in Derbyshire, and I need to warn you that other counties may follow. Derbyshire is about to be exploded.

"How spectacular!" I hear you cry. Sadly, local government reorganisation is not like that. There are few smash-bang-wallops in local government, only whimpers, and it is difficult to interest London in provincial whimpering. We prefer our catastrophes loud, sudden and Westminster-based. It is the big Commons "oops!" which grabs our attention, the parliamentary road accident. Devaluations, leaks, resignations . . . the alarm is sounded, the cock-up obvious. Newbury, "black Wednesday", David Mellor's troubles . . . all shared the "oops!" factor. We knew at first sight. We sensed the drama, heard the breaking glass. Danger lies, if anywhere, in overreaction: time can heal.

But there is another sort of calamity. No loud report, no wailing or gnashing of teeth. A decision is made, a course adopted which seems sensible in the circumstances. Only gradually does the cost become clear, the pain grow. Such mistakes can prove to be among the most dreadful: the strangulation of private rented housing, the 1970s reorganisation of local government, the mid-century construction of vast, homogenous council estates . . . There was no big "oops!", or not at the outset: only a long and rising groan as the years went by. All too often — and it is a typical feature — these slow-burning catastrophes are ideologically inspired: dazzled by theory or sold on a plan, politicians turn their eyes from common sense. "It seemed a good idea at the time."

The reorganisation of local government needs watching with the eyes of a hawk. It's a bright idea and just the sort of thing that can go horribly wrong. Abolishing Cleveland or Avon will bring few tears and many seaside cheers at party conferences. Michael Howard's bid to reduce two layers to one is calculated and marketable, for the theory makes sense and Howard is skilful. Yelps will be kept to a minimum, obvious banana-skins avoided.

So expect no big bang and no flying glass. Yet if we are not careful we may be storing up for ourselves decades of rancour. Plans are being hatched now over which, 30 years hence, people could still be wringing their hands.

Take Derbyshire. My county is in Mr Howard's "first wave" of recommendations for a new structure, and we expect initial proposals soon. We have a shrewd idea of what they will contain. To a roll of drums, the "doughnut solution" will be unveiled. The city of Derby will be removed from the shire county and launched as a local authority on its own. The rest of the county — village, town and country — will be lumped together as a huge new local authority with a hole, Derby city, in the middle. The hole will do fine from the word go. The doughnut promises eternal misery.

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I'll sketch out why — but let me at once promise not to bore you. You do not wish to know where Chesterfield stands in relation to Buxton, Bakewell or Melbourne; you have no time to ponder local allegiance in Clay Cross or the world view from Hartington. I have no ambition to enlighten you.

Let me sum up, in a couple of paragraphs, the type of potential blunder the minister may soon be consulting upon for Derbyshire, not because the details need detain you, but as an example of how a general theory could collide with reality not in the East Midlands alone, but in many other counties.

Derbyshire, you see, does not exist. Never has. There are at least three Derbyshires. There is the city of Derby; there is Midlands coal mining Derbyshire; and there is bucolic rural Derbyshire, much of it in the Peak District national park.

Now that's an oversimplification of course. There are fields between the coal mines, steelworks near the stately homes. But a glance at the political heat-map — blue in the hills, red on the plains, jumbled in the city — offers a snapshot, blurred but unmistakeable, of separate worlds. Look at the questions asked in Parliament and the letters written to ministers by the county's MPs; look at age, class and social profiles; look at patterns of employment. You will see how the map divides. Derbyshire county council has been the lid on a mixed box of biscuits.

Thus far in this century, that has not mattered too much because of the existence of vigorous smaller councils. For us, two-tiered local government has been wasteful but has had at least this: when the county has gone Labour, the hill-tribes of rural Derbyshire grumble, but we have our own district or borough councils to plan our housing, organise our rubbish, plan our parks and gardens, and nurture our most conspicuous local industry, tourism. When the county goes Conservative, working-class Clay Cross, industrial Chesterfield and the beasts of Bolsover fume, but there is no question of Tory lady councillors from the hills and manors trying to run the community centre in Swadlingcote, liaise with industry in Chesterfield, or set council house rents in Clay Cross. This Derbyshire was once a string of mining communities, and still has that flavour. Its Labour-dominated local councils are truly local and look after it, for the most part, rather well.

Parts of the county are more mixed — Edwina Currie's South Derbyshire, for instance, Amber Valley or Erewash, and their district councils may swing Labour or Conservative; but all share this: they are small enough to understand their people. And, by "small" I do not mean impracticably tiny: my own Derbyshire Dales district is 40 miles long.

The two-tier system has guarded communities from the strife of being run by people who do not know them. Yet it does in places duplicate, and Michael Howard is right to want to end that. But is dissolving the lower tier into the upper one what he meant to achieve? True, the shire explodes and Derby flies into space. But what is left, "son of Derbyshire", is a county-like authority shorn, now, of the small platoons Tories are supposed to cherish. Son of Derbyshire will have many of the worst features of a big, amorphous county authority, without the compensating localness and balance of our old district councils, which would be abolished.

So what would we prefer? Mr Howard could be forgiven for remarking that we cannot agree. We agree only that two authorities — doughnut and hole — are too few. How many, then, can we afford? Four? Five? Six? Status quo? We only agree that we want more than being allowed to squabble about boundaries. Howard can divide and rule if he wants: the doughnut is at least simple.

Disagreements like this will lame the argument for a many-sectioned map in other English counties too. We may find that the crudest proposal wins, becoming a standard model: (1) Give the cities and largest towns their independence: (2) Yoke together huge and unrelated lumps of what lies between them into some meaningless son-of-county authority. It would take all Howard's skill to resist this. I profoundly hope he does.

Otherwise, watch out, minister. The day could come when the phrase "the Michael Howard reorganisation of local government" resonates through the next 20 years as "the Peter Walker reorganisation of local government" did through the last 20. Peter never quite recovered.

I warn you that you will not hear much of an "oops": more a sort of squelch. For the doughnut is on the march. So observe the fate of the Derbyshire Dales district council with beady eyes, Mr Coren; learn to cherish the High Peak borough council. They are coming for Derbyshire Dales today. Tomorrow they may come for Cricklewood. And it may seem like a good idea, at the time.

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Derbyshire in 1857: from mining village to the Peak district, the area remains extraordinarily varied

A slow train, please

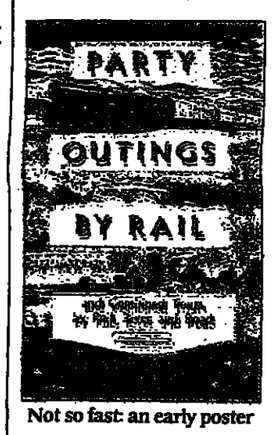
President Mitterrand is on the wrong track

See Beautiful Britain by Train, the faded fifties posters used to proclaim. No chance of that now — trains hurtle along at around 100 mph, and all you see is a blur outside. It is like living that extraordinary speeded-up film of 20 years ago — London to Brighton in four minutes.

President Mitterrand, with gentle Gallic mockery, could not resist poking fun at the hapless Channel tunnel traveller, condemned on reaching Albion to meander through the Kent countryside, his slow-moving train affording ample opportunity for daydreaming. But if travellers looked up from their laptops they would see some of the most beautiful landscape in Britain: the Weald of Kent, the hop gardens and oast houses, the orchards and villages dating from Saxon times.

Costly research has shown that passengers like nothing better than gazing out of the window. Perhaps that is the attraction of the steam buffs' private lines — leafy havens of nostalgia where you can watch the butterflies go by as cloudlets of steam dissolve into the Gainsborough sky. But it is not only the Keighley and Worth or the North Yorkshire Moors railways that promise their passengers a scenic feast. British Rail services convey their "customers" through much of Britain that has been unspoiled since the Victorian navvies tipped the last barrowful of earth on the embankment. The trouble is, few of us notice nowadays.

True, the advertising men have made the most of the best bits: the lonely Sprinter lost on Rannoch Moor or the Cornish



Not so fast: an early poster

Riviera snaking its way along the coast as the waves lap the line at Dawlish.

Trains perforce go slowly here. They also take their time over the mighty Forth bridge or Brunel's Saltash bridge. But in hundreds of other places, the observant traveller could wish for a more leisurely pace. The East Coast main line also hugs the shore in Northumberland, but it is hard to see the gulls from the cramped reclining seats of an InterCity 225.

As trains on the West Coast main line race north from Euston, they come to the delightful stretch where road, motorway and Grand Union canal run parallel and where it would be nice to linger a little by the canal, zig-zagging from left to right of the railway.

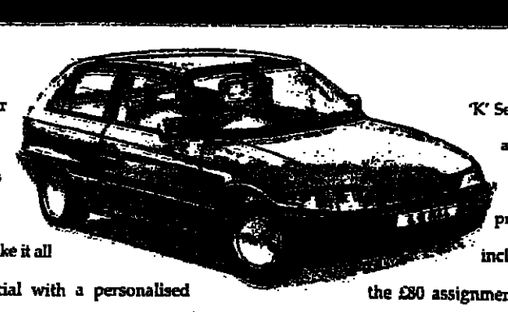
It seems unfair to demand the BR slow down when it has spent so much time and money trying to speed up. No one can complain about the ugly metal poles that flash past every few seconds on the route to Edinburgh: were they not erected, on time and on budget, a few years ago, solely to allow the electrified route to compete with the proud French TGV? And if you want to appreciate the west country, you can always take the stopping train, instead of the HST from Paddington.

The perfect Mitterrand daydream is not really possible on the best bits of BR: who could do anything than gasp with surprise at the length of the Settle and Carlisle, or peer eagerly out at the bleakness of the moors and mountains on the Far North line to Thurso? Rural, dreamy England is best experienced on less dramatic branchlines, where once the trains rolled along at 55 mph.

How about Darsham, on the East Suffolk line, where the name used to be spelled out in roses and the porter would call out "Darr-shum, Darr-shum" every time the steam train came to a halt? It is now, alas, an unmanned halt. But at least no TGV rushes through to disturb the rural calm. Try it, President Mitterrand.

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Chess board queen

At 15, Harriet Hunt is moving rapidly ahead of the boys

They dress like perennial students, in ragged old cords, T-shirts and scuffed shoes, and they peer myopically out of thick-rimmed glasses. Their pale faces are permanently fettered to the chess boards in semi-darkness at the seaside halls where chess tournaments are held among posters for a Val Doonican concert.

Britain is now the second best in the world at chess. The game is no longer only played seriously by old men and cranks but by an expanding group of young whippersnappers. They stride round the auditoriums making funny clicking noises with their tongues and nodding their heads in nervous jerks. Many are good mathematicians or computer experts; equally, some exceptional players could not add up a telephone number. Their hero is Nigel Short and their aim is to become a grandmaster. But one thing still absent is women.

Women, it seems, just will not play chess. Of course there are a few exceptions, such as Judith Polgar, of Hungary, the highest-ranking female player and the youngest person ever to qualify for the grandmaster title, but apart from the queen, the chess board is bereft of girls. Some analysts say that women do not have the same sense of commitment or passion, that by the age of 13 girls who have shown early promise usually become more interested in a social life. Others say that women do not have the necessary spatial perception.

Harriet Hunt, 15, Britain's brightest girl prodigy, is determined to change "all this nonsense". This month, she beat the former British champion, James Plaskett, wiping him out in 33 moves in the Golders Green quick play. She then scored five points out of six at the Barbican quick play, taking second prize behind Michael Adams, who is ranked the second-best player in Britain after Short.

She peers across her chess board at me at her home in Oxford, surrounded by two bookshelves of chess books, trophies, press cuttings and endless photographs of her beaming above the black and white pieces. Has she ever felt pressured by her parents to succeed? "Never. In fact my father has got quite bored of chess. I don't think he would care if he never saw a chess board again," she says. Her mother stayed in the kitchen throughout the interview.



Harriet Hunt: 'I wanted to show the boys'

Hunt learnt chess when she was six, but was not impressed. "I thought it was just another board game, and Risk and Buccaneer were much more exciting." At nine, she went to Oxford High School for Girls, one of the few girls schools to have a chess club. "It was compulsory and we all got addicted, playing in the lunch hours and under our desks. I began to realise that I was actually quite good."

She would probably have passed on to the next craze, perhaps to become a jacks or skipping champion if it had not been for her younger brother, Adam. "He kept beating us at home, so we had to take him to a club and then he started going to competitions. Everyone assumed I wasn't interested, but I thought, 'I know I am as good as him, why don't I try?' "

Adam had already won five trophies but Harriet was not deterred. "I wanted to show the boys that I was something to be reckoned with." Then she proceeds to reel off her last five years in competitions, remembering every score, all other competitors and offering to tell me the moves.

There are more than 288 billion possibilities beyond the fourth move for both black and white in chess: Hunt sees this as a challenge. "You don't have to be wildly clever just to be able to spot patterns and have a good memory. But you do have to be a little bit selfish and really want to deprive the opponent of the pleasure of winning. Girls are never confident enough, so that is one point I'm working on," she says with total poise.

Her next move is to make the British women's team for the chess Olympiad next year and, yes, she would like to be a professional like Nigel Short or Garry Kasparov. But she is not like Bobby Fischer, who once said, "All I want to do, ever, is play chess". She knows that most self-styled professionals are ex-students living with their parents and only make enough on the chess circuit to cover expenses. If she does not make it, she will become a gardener.

Is she normal? "My friends and I don't talk about chess. They wouldn't understand the language. But then they are into sport and music and I'm not good at that. I don't play every night and I never feel a freak. I'd like to go to university. I am not interested in shopping and boys and things, but I don't think I would be if I didn't play chess.

"Just occasionally, I think, 'wouldn't it be wonderful to spend the weekends going on bike rides rather than all these competitions?'. But I would probably just get bored. Chess is something special; it makes me feel different. I get to travel the world and secretly, I'm quite pleased there are not too many other girls."

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The problem in an antibiotic, helping ease the discomfort of pregnancy, and a vision of danger

MP's yellow peril



BILLS are rarely paid with pleasure, but Mr Ralph Howell, the MP for Norfolk North, who seems to personify *John Bull* both in appearance and character, took particular delight recently in paying one which had been addressed to "the executors of the late Mr Howell MP".

Mr Howell is now back in the House, slightly thinner but physically and mentally as vital as he was before his illness in the winter; an illness which nearly deprived his constituents of an excellent member and the country of one of the voices of traditional conservatism.

The mistake by his creditor is easy to understand. Few who saw Mr Howell after he had lapsed into multi-system failure with his kidneys not working and with such gross liver failure that his complexion was as yellow as a Norwich City football shirt would have believed that his lungs, heart, circulation, liver and kidneys would have all recovered, and that three months later he would be back at Westminster. Mr Howell was a victim of this year's flu epidemic but because he was anxious to vote, he continued to go through the lobbies, rather than to bed. Pneumonia developed and with it heart and circulatory failure. The kidneys, deprived of an adequate circulation, closed down so that the antibiotic erythromycin, which had been given to treat the pneumonia, accumulated in the system.

Erythromycin is a remarkably safe drug provided that liver function is good, and renal function adequate, but if they are not it can increase in the blood to the point at which serious damage to the liver, pancreas and central nervous system can be caused. It is an added misery to somebody already in extremis to find that the high levels of circulating erythromycin can, as they did in Mr Howell's case, give rise to a sensoneural deafness and tinnitus, so that the patient is even deprived of the consolation of being able to hear clearly the reassuring voices of his family.

Excess erythromycin also damages the patient's mind so that to the delirium of pneumonia there is added an erythromycin-induced psychosis. Erythromycin can heighten imagination and distort reason, but Mr Howell's constituents should be reassured that, even as his mind hovered between reality and reverie, their MP's thoughts were not only on the anticipated day of judgment but on his anxieties over the National Health Service reforms and how they would be affected by them.

Although erythromycin toxicity is uncommon it is very adequately described in *Martindale's Pharmacopoeia*, the thirtieth addition of which is published this week. No doctor should be without its nearly 2,500 pages; it was, for instance, very reassuring to be able to tell the Howell family that



MEDICAL BRIEFING
Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Martindale's had decreed that the deafness and confusion caused by erythromycin would be transient. It does, however, warn that once erythromycin sensitivity has been induced it can occur again — even if exposed to a very small dose.

Comfortable pregnancy

TWO important pieces of advice which were given recently by doctors from Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, and which may affect the way pregnancies are managed in the future, have been reported in *General Practitioner* magazine.

Hyperemesis, the excess vomiting of pregnancy which can be a danger to the patient's health, should, it was said, be treated early with anti-emetic drugs. So anxious are doctors not to give drugs unnecessarily in pregnancy that women are being deprived of treatment which might improve their health as well as their sense of wellbeing. Dr Michael de Swiet, a consultant physician to Queen Charlotte's, said that although frequent small meals and plenty of fluids should be the first treatment to be tried if vomiting continued, it was perfectly acceptable for GPs to prescribe anti-emetic drugs.

The other recommendation has been made following an extensive survey of pregnancies. The study has showed that the conservative approach to induction of labour which has become more fashionable over the past few years could be damaging to the baby. The delivery of all babies at or before 41 weeks would cut perinatal mortality.

A height for sore eyes



SNOW blindness, which so grievously affected the climber, Harry Taylor, is unrelated to any oxygen lack he might have suffered on Mount Everest. Snow blindness is a term commonly used to describe the damage which excess exposure to ultraviolet light can inflict on the cornea, the transparent tissue which covers the pupil.

Normally, the prominence of the forehead, the eyebrows and the eyelashes protects the eyes from the rays of the overhead sun, but when a person is near a reflecting surface, whether water, a bright sandy beach or a snow-covered landscape, the ultraviolet rays are reflected upwards and strike the eye from below. High altitudes, where the ultraviolet light is stronger, accentuate the problem. Sunbathing by lying on the back also deprives the eyes of their natural shade.

In sun blindness the cornea becomes swollen and acutely painful, the eyes water profusely and the vision through the damaged cornea is blurred. Further exposure to light increases the excruciating pain so that the eyes need to be bandaged. Fortunately, the symptoms last only a matter of hours.

Another form of impaired vision, but not usually blindness, is caused by small retinal haemorrhages which can affect climbers' eyes at high altitudes. Fortunately the damage from this is usually temporary.

False face of caring

The conviction of Beverley Allitt has highlighted a rare form of child abuse. **Jeremy Laurance** reports



COLUMBIA PICTURES

The world's biggest liar: Baron Munchausen, played by John Neville in the 1989 film

Six-year-old Kay was subjected to prolonged torture by doctors at the instigation of her mother. In the course of her short life she was admitted to hospitals in Yorkshire 12 times, underwent seven major X-ray procedures, six examinations under anaesthetic and was treated with eight antibiotics, vaginal pessaries and other creams. Sixteen consultants were involved in her care and laboratories cultured her urine more than 150 times before they discovered that it was her mother who was ill.

Kay was the first patient in the world to be identified as a victim of Munchausen syndrome by proxy, the disorder that turned nurse Beverley Allitt from a sensitive carer to a serial killer. It is one of the strangest known to medicine.

Rare, but deadly, Munchausen syndrome by proxy is a form of child abuse in which doctors are enlisted in a game of clinical hide-and-seek. The perpetrators are usually mothers, often with a background in nursing, who fabricate symptoms for their children making them appear ill, apparently as a way of gaining attention. (In plain Munchausen syndrome, sufferers feign illness themselves to obtain treatment. Allitt suffered from this first.) The subsequent investigations, always uncomfortable and often painful, may last years. Nearly one in ten ends in death.

Kay, whose case was described in the *Lancet* in August 1977 by Professor Roy Meadow of St James University Hospital, Leeds, the leading expert on the syndrome, was the first of hundreds since recorded in the medical journals, but remains typical. She had been referred to the Seacroft hospital in Leeds with foul smelling, bloody urine. The strangest feature of her condition was the way the infections seemed to clear up in a few hours only to return later.

Hospital staff noticed that all the abnormal urine specimens were collected by the mother and considered whether she might be tampering with them. With hindsight it is difficult to grasp how big and brave a leap of the imagination this required. It ran counter to all received wisdom to suggest that a loving, caring mother might be deliberately prolonging her child's agony. But with the help of the Yorkshire police forensic laboratory staff were finally able to confirm that the mother had been mixing her own urine, contaminated with menstrual blood, with her daughter's.

In his account of the case, Professor Meadow described several aspects that were to become distinguishing features of the condition. The mother was concerned and loving in her relationship with Kay yet "not quite as worried about the possible cause of the illness as were the doctors". She was pleasant, co-operative and appreciative of good medical care which encouraged the doctors to try all the harder. She and her daughter flourished on the ward as if they belonged there and thrived on the attention staff gave to them.

Kay had been a long awaited baby for which her mother had taken a fertility drug, but after the birth she felt that her husband was more interested in the child than in her. Her daughter's mysterious illness gave her a status in the hospital that was denied her outside.

Subsequent cases have revealed the varied ways in which mothers (and a few fathers) have fabricated symptoms in their children. They have dipped thermometers in hot drinks, administered sedatives or tranquillisers and used caustic chemicals to produce skin rashes. Some have suffocated their children while in hospital, provoking a crisis in which the hospital "crash" resuscitation team is called and they become the focus of sympathy and concern.

Often the boundary between reality and fantasy is blurred and mothers may believe in the fictitious illness they have invented. In one case, a girl was made to sleep on the back of an upturned wardrobe clad in aluminium foil and tissue paper in order to avoid contact with substances to which the mother considered her allergic. In another, a boy whose mother believed he had spina bifida remained confined to a wheelchair and unable to walk at the age of 22 even though his legs and back were normal.

Motives may be as varied as the symptoms. For some mothers, their child's illness brought them closer to their husbands while for others it seemed to provide a welcome distraction from home difficulties. Some mothers seemed to thrive on the wards, bustling round helping the nurses and other mothers and forming close relationships with the junior doctors. For others it was a bizarre game in which they matched themselves against the best specialists and hospitals they could find. The preponderance of ex-nurses among those affected and the way in which they thrived on the wards lends support to the notion that the desire to nurse and be nursed are closely linked, says Professor Meadow.

> Could a loving mother really prolong her child's agony?

In some cases, parents have become minor celebrities in their own neighbourhoods as a result of their child's illness. One mother whose child was investigated in different hospitals over a six-month period received £57 collected by the local church, a new pushchair, fridge and washing machine from the social services department, and £250 collected by other parents whose children had been treated on the same ward. Parents who appear to be enjoying the hospital to an unnatural degree — going to the nurses' disco or staying to cook meals for the doctors at night — may present a warning sign.

The most striking finding, however, remains that parents cannot always be believed. These cases contain a warning for doctors who tend to match every symptom with a test that they may be at risk of battering a child nearly to death with investigations.

"We may teach, and I believe should teach, that mothers are always right," Professor Meadow wrote in the *Lancet* in 1977, "but at the same time we must recognise that when mothers are wrong they can be terribly wrong."

Can life begin at 40?



VIRGINIA IRONSIDE

"I would have happily adopted, but in our area, we're too old." Ann Barker, a successful woman in public relations, is 44; she is waiting for an egg donor to give her the baby she longs for. Yet she herself was adopted, and by "old" parents. Her mother was 50, her father older. "It annoys me so much," she says. "I was very happy, but everything about adoption has changed."

Ann's problem is that she waited too long to get married — and then suffered a premature menopause. "Some people might think, 'Bloody career woman, serve her right!' But if you don't meet the right man, why marry? I held out for the best. And the first thing we wanted to do was have children.

"I started missing periods, thinking I might be pregnant — and then went to see a doctor. She had the nerve to say: 'Oh, God, surely you don't want more children at your age?' I said I had none and she muttered something about being lucky!

"Finally, I was told I'd had a premature menopause. So that was it. I thought I'm damned if I'm going to cry in front of this woman, so I went and had a weep on my own."

Like many older women, Ann did not realise that even though she was producing eggs before her early menopause, they were rather past their sell-by date. After 35, a woman's fertility drops sharply. "My husband and I were terribly upset," she says. "But even though he's a very kind and loving person, I don't think any man can quite understand how it feels. I just felt dead inside when I was told."

Ann and her husband saw a private doctor who did confirm the diagnosis, but offered to refer her to the hospital's assisted conception unit. "And here I am, waiting for an egg to be donated."

Ann has been on the list of the Lister Hospital for 18 months. There are around 500 other women waiting for similar treatment. People on the waiting list are encouraged to find someone who is willing to donate an egg. If you find a donor, your treatment is given priority, though the egg you receive will not be from "your" donor, to avoid future problems.

But getting someone to donate an egg is extremely difficult. First, despite the fact that the donor, who must be a mother under 35, gets satisfaction from helping other women have babies, the actual procedure itself is not simple. It involves about three months of tests and a final minor operation when the eggs are removed.

"Considering men are paid to donate sperm, it is all so unfair," says Ann. "Women are paid nothing except expenses to donate eggs, a far more elaborate procedure involving a general anaesthetic and lots of screening."

As if the procedure were not barrier enough to people stepping forward, there are other problems. The subject is taboo. When Ann wanted to put her official egg donation poster up in a local mother and baby centre, she was told it was "not policy" to put up those kinds of posters.

When she struck on the idea of asking women who were waiting to be sterilised if she could pay for their operation privately, on condition they gave a last few eggs at the same time, the scheme met with a general disapproval. It would be seen as touting — and, indeed, it would involve a kind of payment. Eggs have to be donated completely altruistically, so, at the Lister, but no personal advertising is allowed, either.

This is partly why Ann is unable to use her real name. "But I also have to hide it because people's reactions are so different when you're 44 and not 25. It's not thought nice to want a baby at 44, even though lots of women do get pregnant at that age. And if we were successful, I don't want everyone knowing." In many other European countries, Ann would get this treatment on the equivalent of the National Health. But apart from a couple of health service hospitals, women here not only cannot advertise, they have to pay for treatment — around £2,500.

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Touts cash in on Palace tickets

As Buckingham Palace opens to the public, Peter Victor reports on the scramble for places and how some people may be exploiting the system

Ticket touts are asking up to £100 for £8 tickets to tour Buckingham Palace, cashing in on the huge demand for a tour of the Queen's hitherto private home. According to leading tour operators, who have been unable to get tickets, the touts are asking mark-ups of more than 1,000 per cent.

The government announced this week that it plans to bring in legislation to curb touts after concern about the sale of tickets for the Palace and for last weekend's FA Cup final. Robert Key, the heritage minister, said in the House that Palace officials were confident there would not be a ticket touting problem. The opposition, meanwhile, is pressing hard for legislation to curb the activities of the touts as soon as possible.

The Palace household has dealt so far only with groups and companies wanting to block-book visits to the Palace for 25 people or more. For them, the Palace has reserved 30,000 tickets, 10 per cent of the total. The rest of the tickets will be available only to the queuing public.

All the group tickets have now been allocated, most of them after telephone enquiries. Those granted visits are being sent vouchers, which they will hand over when they turn up with their group. Unless the touts are offering places on group excursions having obtained vouchers, the Palace cannot understand how they can be offering tickets for the tours.

Many operators were unlucky in their pre-booking applications, which were dealt with, the Palace says, on a first-come, first-served basis. They have had to scrap plans for package holidays incorporating tours of the Palace. For them, the touts are a particularly sore point.

Incoming tour operators, represented by the European Tour Operators Association (ETOA) and the British Incoming Tour Operators Association, are angry about the booking system, which they describe as a fiasco.

"It has not been at all as we'd like," an EOTA spokesman says. "Some tour operators who applied for tickets haven't heard anything from Buckingham Palace. Hopefully next year things will be better organised. Several people have been approached by ticket touts offering the tickets for between £50 and £100."

David Heathfield, data manager of Gulliver's Travels, received a call from a man who said he could supply tickets at these prices: "We've got massive interest in these tickets from abroad and we haven't been able to secure any. To have that situation and then have someone call up saying they've got tickets for £50 or £100 just adds insult to injury." The company had not bothered to make further enquiries from the tout.

Gulliver's Travels, which caters for about 2,000 visiting groups a year, is still getting scores of calls from overseas groups wanting to visit the Palace. "I can't believe the interest," Mr Heathfield says. "When we heard about it, we knew it was going to be one of the biggest things since Russia opened up to visitors."

> 'People have been offered tickets for between £50 and £100'

The Palace will be opened in August and September during the Queen's traditional break at Balmoral. The guided tour will include the state dining room, the Palace picture gallery and the throne room. Successful queuers will be allocated an entrance time when they buy their ticket.

A close eye will then be kept on them as they wait. "They will be in the royal parks area," the Palace says, "and there are rules about what people can do there — and what they are and are not allowed to sell."

The Royal household hopes to raise about £30 to £40 million over the next five years to go towards the restoration costs of fire damage at Windsor Castle. Tours of the castle will also be available at £3 each.

Demand for the Palace tickets has been boosted by the announcement that they will be available for a five-year trial period: many people believe that, should the scheme not be renewed, they might miss a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Tom Pendry, Labour MP for Stalybridge and Hyde, says he has raised the matter of touts with the prime minister and has received a written response saying that legislation will be introduced as soon as possible.

"I'd like legislation now and the Labour party will be trying to put an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill as it passes through committee and the House. The Commons clerk says it may be possible to do this."

SIMON WALKER



Lady in waiting: visitors to the Palace must either be part of a block booking or queue up on the day for a limited number of £8 tickets

EC may levy VAT on tours

The vexed question of VAT on package tours seems to be rearing its head again. For some time, the European Commission has sought harmonisation among the 12 member countries which deal with the subject in different ways. At the same time the EC appears determined to press for VAT on airline tickets on journeys within the community.

It is being suggested in Brussels that a decision by the European Court of Justice, in a case involving a German tour operator, should lead to all member states applying VAT to those parts of a package which relate to the journeys by air or sea to European holiday destinations.

A number of questions arise, not least whether the non-application of VAT to packages to European countries outside the EC might boost tourism there. As for VAT on conventional airline tickets, what would the EC do to prevent the American airlines which now have opportunities to fly within the EC area, from gaining advantage?

All this suggests that, as in the past, there will be much hot air, but that the proposal will be gently dropped. That is perhaps an unwise assumption for one very good reason. Recently, VAT was applied on packages to Europe, but only when the method of travel is by coach. Not surprisingly, the coach operators have complained bitterly and they now demand equal treatment for all. It is difficult to justify the decision against coach travel while ferries and airlines escape the imposition.

Furthermore, the European Directive on Package Travel has just come into force and this extends equal protection to the clients of tour operators who go out of business. It also guarantees the standard of accommodation and prevents exaggerated claims in holiday brochures. Brussels believes, with some justification, that these factors mean that the time is ripe for VAT harmonisation.

At a time when many people make their own arrangements for accommodation and buy flights only, it is said that if VAT had to be imposed on such journeys, there would be no alternative to applying VAT to scheduled services as well. The airlines will react strongly to any such suggestion, especially at a time when business class airfares are for the first time the subject of competition and reduced yield. Brussels may respond by saying that airfares should never have been excluded from VAT.

Taking all these considerations into account, it is difficult to escape the conclusion that at the moment the initiative lies with the EC.

In the end, British tour operators may be forced to apply VAT, but the government could help if it chose.

At a time when there is pressure to introduce an interim rate of VAT of about 5 per cent, package tours may well be in line for less harsh imposition than the standard rate of 17.5 per cent. Brussels may decree that we must apply VAT, but it will be Westminster which will decide the rate.

VIEWPOINT



Robert McCrindle

Visitors are opting to stay in serviced apartments, which are cheaper and just like home

Self-catering boom

A new phenomenon is causing an increasing headache to London's leading hotels — the serviced apartment.

At least 70 buildings in central London now provide more then 4,000 rooms for letting to both foreign and British visitors who want privacy, and the ability to entertain as they wish, in high quality apartments at prices well below those charged by traditional hotels.

The Apartment Service (081-748 4207) has been set up to market the apartments, mainly for stays of longer than a week. Charles McCrow, the managing director of the company, says that the average price of a fully serviced apartment, which includes cleaning and maintenance, is at least 25 per cent below that of a top quality hotel room.

Mr McCrow says: "Many companies are finding that when they have to send executives to London for several weeks, the cost of a hotel room is in itself prohibitive, but when all the other service costs such as restaurant and bar bills are added, it can be beyond their budget.

"With an apartment they get luxurious accommodation with a separate kitchen and lounge in which the guest can entertain, or not, as they wish. This then enables the company to keep a much closer control over costs, and by enabling them to cook light meals in their own kitchen and buy wine and drinks from the local off-licence, avoids the high price of many hotel restaurants."

The idea is a throwback to Victorian times when wealthy visitors used to "take rooms". The concept has taken root in America, where such buildings are called "all suite hotels" and on the Continent, where they are known as "residences, aparthotels or flathotels".

In general, prices range from £300 to £1,500 a week for a one-bedroomed apartment, although it would be possible to have at least one other person staying and up to four, if the living room has a sofa bed.

The success of the system has spawned a variety of peripheral service companies, one of which, Room Service, will deliver food from the menus of some of London's leading restaurants to be served in the apartment by a black-tie "butler" for an extra £4.

Mr McCrow says: "The big advantage of an apartment is that meetings can be held in privacy but in comfortable surroundings rather than in a hotel bedroom." The average length of stay in the apartments is about 14 nights and they are becoming increasingly popular among leisure travellers, especially from North America.

Thomas Cook is about to include the apartments in its brochures and many leading hotels, suffering from the decline in the number of long-stay guests, are considering turning part of their premises over to apartments.

One problem that apartment owners are grappling with is what to do about the handful of guests who may want to stay for more than six months, for they may, under existing rules, be eligible for the council tax.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Prices take off

AIR FARES, even through discount agencies, are rising as the peak season gets under way. Trailfinders (071-937 5400), however, has reduced its fares from Gatwick to Miami during May to £165, and travel must be completed by June 3. The return fare during June will be £235, and travel must be completed by July 31 when, it is expected, passengers will be asked to pay even more.

☐ A FAMILY of two adults and up to four children can have a 12-night holiday in a tent or mobile home in Normandy and Brittany for £244 from June 5. The offer — down £62 on the normal brochure price — includes ferry crossing with Sally Line and accommodation and is available from Canvas Holidays (0383 621 000).

☐ RETURN flights plus one week's accommodation in Goa are available from Somak Travel Club (081-903 8166) from the end of September from £289.

☐ NILE cruises are being offered through Hayes and Jarvis (081-741 9902/9912) for seven nights including flights and full board for £299. A second week is at Luxor Novotel for £49. Departures are throughout June on Fridays from Gatwick, or £12 supplement to fly from Manchester.

☐ FLIGHTBOOKERS (071-757 2000) has scheduled flights to Dublin from either Stansted or Luton airports for £58 return, valid from now until the end of June.

☐ FLIGHTS to, and half-board accommodation at, the Island View Club, Mauritius, are available every Thursday until June 11 with British Airways from Gatwick through Hayes and Jarvis (081-741 9902). Seven nights cost £686 and the second week an additional £105.

Manchester record

MANCHESTER Airport has recorded the highest profit in its 55 year history. Members of the Airport board will be told today that pre-tax profits for the last year were £44 million compared with £34 million pounds for the previous year.

The increase in profits is matched by a record number of passengers — 12.5 million compared with 11.2 million — and despite the recession there was a marked increase in the number of charter flights to winter sunspots in Europe while around half a million people flew to Florida.

The year also saw the opening of the Airport's £500 million second terminal, while traffic in the current year could be boosted further with the opening of a new direct rail link.

Flown the world over



Grand design: passengers disembarking from a high-density Viscount V701 airliner

The Vickers Viscount enhances its reputation as one of the most durable and popular passenger aircraft of all time this month by celebrating its fortieth anniversary in active airline service.

> Viscounts are celebrating their 40th anniversary this month

In May, 1953, British European Airways introduced Viscounts, the world's first turboprop civil transport, designed by Sir George Edwards, on the London-Cyprus route; followed by the prestigious Heathrow-Paris service.

BEA's 26 Dash-700s and 800s were among the 440 Viscounts built, which went into service with operators worldwide. An order for 60 from America's Capital Airlines was a triumph for Britain's planemakers. Now there are just 26 of the veteran four-engined airliners in service.

British World Airlines (formerly British Air Ferries) which operates ten of the 65/76-seater jetprops, based at London Stansted, Manchester, Glasgow and Edinburgh airports, has become the largest operator.

Southend-based British World — which also has BAe 146-300s and One-Eleven jets making up half of its 30 airliner fleet — divides the use of its ten Viscounts between passengers and freight. Enthusiasts daily recognise the shrill whine of the Rolls-Royce Dart turboprops.

At Aberdeen, BWA flies a Viscount shuttle operation to Sumburgh on behalf of Shell Petroleum using three 76-seater aircraft. Five of the airline's turboprops are configured for passengers — with aero enthusiasts among the charterers — and five others for freight, including mail and overnight newspaper flights.

"I have been working with this aircraft throughout most of my career," Mike Kay, BWA's commercial director, says. "From my first job with Eagle Airways in the 1950s, the Viscount tended to follow me around... Channel Airways, BKS, KLM, and now almost 40 years later British World Airways."

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Peter Victor visits a winter-sun destination in Africa that wants to attract tourists all year round

Swinging in the rain in Gambia

An attempt to encourage summer season travel to The Gambia begins this month with tour operators promoting the popular winter-sun destination as a year round holiday centre. The country's tourism industry plans to persuade travellers that The Gambia is just as appealing during the "wet" summer season as during the dry winter.

Some industry insiders are concerned, however, that cheap prices could attract visitors expecting Majorca-style resorts in what is still a developing nation.

Gambia, with its palm-tree fringed beaches, has a burgeoning tourist industry. It is less than six hours from London and sunshine is assured during the winter season. The country's tourism industry now wants to extend that success. Tour companies say that during the wet summer season much of the rain falls at night and that showers during the day are usually brief, if heavy. There are days when the rain persists but, the operators say, this makes the country greener and more attractive.

The Gambia Experience, the leading tour operator to The Gambia in west Africa, next month introduces an Airbus A300 wide-bodied jet for the summer season and will be taking 50 travel agents to Gambia to show them what the destination has to offer.

The agents will be taken to sample hotels and restaurants. Sandra Wilde, marketing director for The Gambia Experience, says: "We are also incorporating as many excursions as the timetable will permit. This will enable us to illustrate that The Gambia is more than just another beach holiday, for instance."

Upmarket hotels, such as the Senegambia, Kombo Beach and the Atlantic, have swimming pools, air conditioned rooms and lay on live entertainments and discos. The Kairaba, Gambia's newest hotel, offers five star accommodation from £400 for seven nights, including flights.

British holidaymakers have taken to the country in increasing numbers. In 1990-1 there were 30,000 visitors in winter and 5,000 in summer. The following year, 1991-2, the winter figure increased to 35,000, with 7,500 in summer. Last winter the figure was up to 40,000, with 20,000 holidaymakers expected by the end of this summer.

> The Gambia is still a developing nation. It is nothing like Majorca

With the destination increasing in popularity, other tour operators are including it in their programmes. Airtours is offering two weeks in The Gambia at £299 for 14 nights in bed and breakfast accommodation. This almost matches the flight-only prices of other operators.

Hoteliers and existing tour operators are concerned that holidaymakers will be attracted to the Gambia purely on price, thinking they are going to Africa's answer to Majorca. While it undoubtedly has sun — temperatures average 25C-35C — sea and sand, Gambia is still very much a developing country. It is nothing like Majorca. The low, windowless houses made of cinderblock with corrugated iron roofs that are seen on the 30 minute drive from the airport at the captial Banjul to the beach hotels would shock anyone expecting relentless disco dancing, nightclubbing and supermarkets on every corner.

Nightclubs and live late night entertainment are on offer in many hotels, but these are concentrated in the Kotu beach resort area along the Atlantic coastline. Banjul is much like most of its 60,000 inhabitants: friendly and optimistic rather than well heeled or well groomed. The validity of a signs offering "International hair dressing services" or "World renowned engine service and battery charge" are cast into doubt by the ramshackle buildings on which they hang.

The Gambia, basically a 20 mile strip on either side of the eponymous river, has almost no natural resources. Its economy is based on agriculture and fishing.

For holidaymakers seeking more than a tan, Gambia's attraction lies in its beautiful scenery and plant life and in the waterways leading to the river Gambia itself. Local tour firms offer excursions to the Abuko Nature Reserve, up the creeks that feed off the river Gambia and along the river to historic slave trading posts at Fort James Island and Georgetown. The country is also renowned for its bird life, with about 200 species. West African Tours in Gambia runs special excursions for bird watchers. The game reserve at Abuko contains several hides.

The Gambian people are relaxed and friendly. Almost every one of them wants to know what you think of their country and whether you are having a good time.

John Carlin, manager of the Atlantic Hotel in Banjul and chairman of the local hotels association, says that he is concerned about holidaymakers who might not otherwise have visited Gambia choosing to do so simply because of the low cost. "It is pretty dangerous to be offering cheap prices comparable to the Mediterranean. Unfortunately that is what the market it dictating. Charters bring the price down for us. We will have to develop the infrastructure in terms of restaurants and bars because that is what clients are telling us they want.

"We've got to rely on the tour operator to brochure correctly. There's no point in them painting a false picture, they have to be responsible."

● *Peter Victor travelled with The Gambia Experience (0703 730888).*

G. KOKE



Real life: a Gambian woman carrying freshly caught fish, an important resource

Americans push back the frontiers

Belfast gains air link to New York as Britain bows to pressure to open more airports to American carriers

The first direct air services between Belfast and New York are to begin next month as Britain attempts to prove that it has a genuinely liberal attitude towards transatlantic air services.

Under intense pressure from US airlines to open up more British airports to US carriers, the Department of Transport has given permission for American Trans Air to fly three times a week from New York to Belfast and to have onward rights to serve Riga in Latvia.

"This is a special exception given outside the terms of the UK/US aviation agreement to enable Northern Ireland to have a direct service to the United States which until now they have not had," said transport secretary John MacGregor.

"Granting special permission for this service demonstrates the UK's willingness to progress with liberalisation. This is good news for Northern Ireland as passengers will no longer need to connect with transatlantic flights in Eire, mainland UK or the continent. Northern Ireland exporters will gain access to a direct, all-year round route through which to export cargo to the United States," he said.

> The airline is making plans to tap a market it is convinced has been under-served

American Trans Air is the largest US air carrier, devoted primarily to charter air services, and is based in Indianapolis, Indiana. It has operated charter services to Britain for many years but this will be the airline's first scheduled service.

The Northern Ireland Tourist Board, which helped to negotiate the deal, anticipates that the province will attract 72,000 visitors from North America this year.

Services will begin on June 2 with a Boeing 757 jet equipped to carry 216 passengers. Some American airlines were so surprised by the move that they suggested the British government was joking when it awarded the rights.

But American Trans Air was not laughing. While US diplomats and airline officials were fuming at the long-standing squabble over transatlantic air service rights between America and London, American Trans Air was making plans to tap a market it is convinced has been under-served.

Until now passengers from America — mainly from New England — to Belfast have had to shuttle through Dublin or London to get to or from New York.

The spark for the Belfast service was American Trans Air's bid to serve Riga, Latvia. George Mikelsons, Chairman and Chief Executive officer of the airline's parent company, Amtran inc., is a native Latvian who has sought to fly there for several years. While American Trans Air now has permission to serve Riga from New York, the Boeing 757 aircraft it will be using on the flights cannot perform the trip non-stop. The carrier considered stopping for fuel at Shannon, Ireland, but airline officials decided that extra revenues could be generated from Northen Ireland and its 1.5 million inhabitants.

Whatever the airline's reasons, Northern Ireland is delighted to receive their first non-stop US service of the jet age.

"It has to be a good market; not only for tourists but for businessmen as well," said David Boyce, general manager of the US office of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.

John Ash, managing director of Global Aviation Associates, a Washington, DC consulting firm, said American Trans Air has a cost structure, typical of charter carriers, that is lower than those of major carriers and that low fares and the prospect of a shorter travel time also should help it become a success. "I suspect they'll take a big chunk of the market," said Mr Ash.

Fares on the routes could be set later this week, the airline said. It indicated that they will be below current scheduled airline fares.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Yacht sets sail for a new life

What is said to be the largest private sailing yacht to have been built — the 34-cabin Sea Cloud — will be sailing the Caribbean this winter and it still has berths still available to British customers, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

Sea Cloud was the abiding interest of the American millionairess Marjorie Merriweather Post and was the setting for many high society parties and cruises in the early 1930s. The yacht became a floating embassy in Leningrad harbour, a weather observation ship in the North Atlantic and the plaything of President Trujillo of the Dominican Republic before being mothballed in Panama.

Now, with no disco, no swimming pool and no cabarets, she has been taken over by a private organisation and plies the Caribbean offering style and grace from decades gone by.

Travel Collection, a subsidiary of Kuoni Travel (0306-744300) is offering a pre-Christmas cruise starting in Antigua from £1,949 per person. Included in the price is a flight from London to Antigua, three nights at the Hawksbill Beach Hotel then seven nights cruising the Grenadines.



Sea Cloud: style and grace from decades gone by

Jazz city rediscovers its soul

New Orleans has new stage for trad, provided by an Englishwoman

A convent-educated Englishwoman has almost single-handedly saved New Orleans as a venue for live, traditional jazz.

Nina Buck was so horrified when she discovered that the home of trad was running out of venues where the musicians could perform that she bought her own café in the heart of the old city to recreate the atmosphere of the 1920s.

Now the Palm Court Jazz Café in Decatur Street is packed every night by trad fans eating and drinking as veteran jazzmen perform. "It's the only place in New Orleans where you can have dinner and hear live New Orleans jazz and I think that the musicians, as well as our customers, are grateful for that," says Mrs Buck, from Hornsea, near Hull.

Among the venerable jazzmen who appear regularly are Willie Humphrey, a 92-year-old clarinettist; his brother, trumpeter Percy Humphrey, 88; trumpet legend Doc Cheatham, also 88; and banjo-player and guitarist, Danny Barker, aged 84. The club's menu shows how Mrs Buck has successfully planted her Yorkshire roots in the Mississippi mud, as it includes "foreign" dishes like steak pie.



Nina Buck: host

A mark of the Palm Court's success was its selection as one of the official concert venues at this year's New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, the world's largest. The festival attracted many jazz enthusiasts from Europe, to whom Mrs Buck was already well-known. Her first husband was the clarinettist and sax player, Sammy Rimington, who makes guest appearances at the Palm Court, and Mrs Buck has organised numerous jazz tours of Europe by American musicians.

Now married to the American jazz record company owner, George Buck, Mrs Buck moved to New Orleans in 1984 when her husband decided to transfer his business from Atlanta. "George acquired a warehouse in New Orleans. Then we got hold of premises in Decatur Street and planned to open a coffee shop and sell jazz records," she says.

"As the plans developed we kept getting new ideas. It became a bar and then a restaurant with a stage, and I began to think about providing a setting for traditional jazz — something which wasn't catered for in the city."

Despite widespread publicity surrounding the murder of a British tourist last month, New Orleans remains among the top ten American destinations for visitors from Britain. For many, the Crescent City is most renowned as the birthplace of jazz.

But apart from Preservation Hall, where purists must stand in austere surroundings, drinkless and hungry, there was no venue dedicated to providing a regular stage for the city's living assets. Nina Buck has changed all that.

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Philip Howard



■ Our puppet politicians should keep their ventriloquists hidden

Speechwriters are coming out of their filing cabinet this week, with the publication of the engaging memoirs of Sir Ronald Millar. Of course politicians have employed ghosts and devils with the gift of the gab to beef up their speeches ever since the Sophists hawked the secret of how to influence the Athenian Assembly. When it came to oratory, George Washington was unfortunately a turgid waffler. So for his farewell address to the people of the United States he had imposed upon him two eminent speechwriters: Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton. And they produced the only memorable soundbite of his career, other than those of folksy memories: "It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliance with any portion of the foreign world." This indicates the deserved oblivion of the remainder of George's formal words.

But until recently, the speechwriters of politicians were kept as dark as their girlfriends. Everybody in the magic circle knew that they used them, but it was bad form to mention the fact in public, for fear of letting the non-political classes realise that their masters were less than masters of eloquence. The true quotation for Washington should have been: "Father, I cannot tell a lie, I did it with my little ghost-writer."

Some politicians have always had the gift to say it for themselves. Churchill used ghosts to write many of his (sometimes second-rate) books, but he was too chesty to entrust his big speeches to a ghost, and was so nervous beforehand that he rehearsed them in front of the mirror, and delivered them stroking his waistcoat with fingers outspread as if this helped to extrude the marvellous phrases.

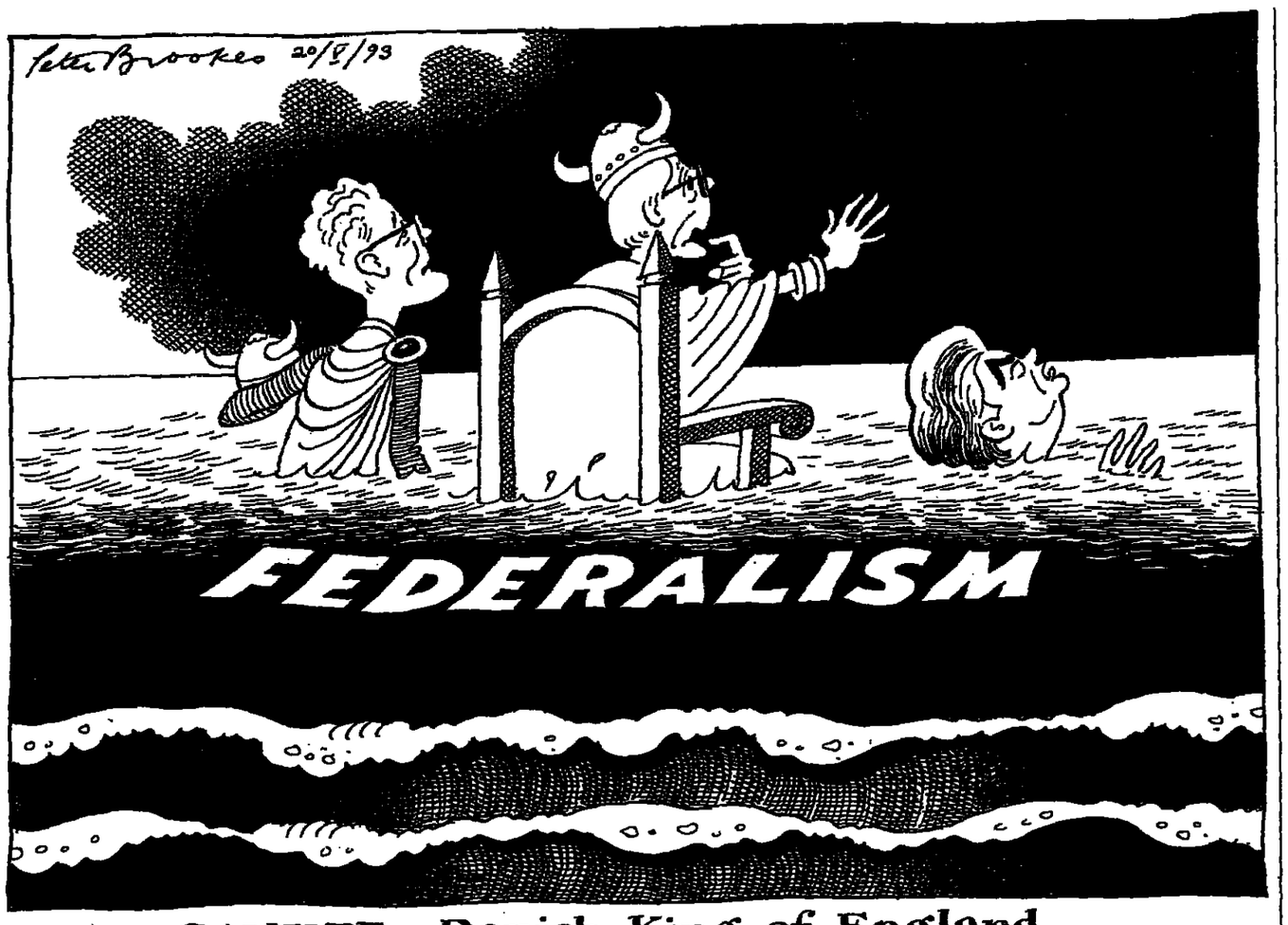
A politician really should know what he or she is doing and thinking, and be capable of explaining it in public plainly and sincerely. This is far more convincing than other men's flowers, rhetoric, jokes, learned references, and even grammar. Public speaking is an alarming business, especially to a large and jealous audience, but unless a politician can learn the art of performing it with ease, he or she is in the wrong business. Nowadays a good speechwriter with autocue and media-coach can supply even the sincerity and ease.

The problem is that modern presidents and prime ministers have to make so many speeches that they do not have the time to write them all themselves. Perhaps they should be more economical with their words, for their sakes as well as ours.

The most memorable sound-bite that Ronnie Millar wrote for Margaret Thatcher was: "You turn if you want to: the lady's not for turning." This was a sensation at the Tory conference, with its pun on "U-turn", the arch reference to herself and the literary echo. In cold print and retrospect, it was a feeble joke, referring to a play that few in the audience can have seen. Christopher Fry is memorable for his high-flown poetry rather than his populist punchiness. Mrs T. mucked up the delivery by failing to make the vital elision, and enunciating: "The lady *is* not for turning." But it worked for the big occasion, though not so well outside the triumphalism of the conference.

The best speech Mrs Thatcher ever made was for her farewell performance to the House of Commons, clearly without speechwriters, when she said: "I'm enjoying myself!" And even the ranks of Tuscany could scarce forbear to cheer, as the speechwriters would have it. Theirs is a necessary trade in politics, which is increasingly professionalised. And on occasions they have done memorable work. John F. Kennedy, who may be said to have had his way into the White House bought by his daddy, boasted of employing such famous hacks as Ted Sorensen, Arthur Schlesinger Jr and John Galbraith. For his inaugural address, they supplied him with: "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." In fact, this was speechwriter's research from the same words in the funeral oration of John Greenleaf Whittier.

Speechwriters are not proud. But they should not destroy our illusions by emerging from behind their Wizards of Oz. Our present politicians, who go in for homespun sincerity and pointless statistics, could use somebody of the calibre of Ted Sorensen, or even Ronald Millar.



CANUTE, Danish King of England

Old truths for the young

Bede Griffiths saw a new spiritual vision for East and West, but a composite faith would diminish the world's great religions

William Rees-Mogg

Dom Bede Griffiths died last week at the age of 86. The closing passage of *A Vision of Reality*, his statement of final beliefs, reads:

> We can envision the emergence of a new world culture as the present materialist and mechanistic system breaks down under the continued crisis of economic, social and political conflict. One of the characteristics of this new culture would be its feminine aspects. We have now reached the limit of this masculine culture with its aggressive, competitive, rational, analytic character. It is possible that the transition from a mechanistic to an organic society will come about gradually, without too much conflict. But it is more likely that there will be a general catastrophe as the economic, social and political structures of the present civilisation break down.
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> There has been a reversal of human values, a spiritual breakdown, which has brought into play forces beyond the material and the human. The present crisis has been prepared by the whole system of science and philosophy, affecting religion and leading to atheism. This has released forces beyond the material and the human. As St Paul says, "we are not contending with flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness".
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> The only way of recovery is to rediscover the perennial philosophy, the traditional wisdom, which is to be found in all ancient religions and specially in the great religions of the world. But these religions have in turn become fossilised and have to be renewed, not only in themselves, but also in relation to one another, so that a cosmic, universal religion can emerge, in which the essential values of Christian religion will be preserved in living relationship with the other religious traditions of the world.

Bede Griffiths' life was devoted to the intellectual and spiritual relationship between Eastern and Western religion. He lived the last four decades of his life in India; his community at Tamil Nadu was modelled upon a Hindu Ashram. I met him only once, at a tea party in Hampstead, when he came to England last year. He was an entrancing figure, speaking with great gentleness, wearing an orange-coloured Indian habit, a man who seemed lost to everything except truth and compassion, a guru yet still a Benedictine monk and a Catholic priest.

Certainly his final conclusions about religion and the world were derived from experience. They had been completely lived. The attraction of monasticism in the late 20th century is unexpectedly great. I find it a personal blessing to live within a few miles of the Benedictine Abbey of Downside in Somerset. Spirituality seems to leak out of the place, almost like radioactivity leaking out of Chernobyl, and falls on the countryside around. Thomas Merton, the Trappist, and Dom Bede Griffiths have been two of the most profound of those Christians who have tried to relate the spirituality of East and West. Cardinal Hume is a spiritual inspiration to many British people outside as well as inside the Roman Catholic church. The Dalai Lama and the Tibetan monastic diaspora have spread to the West the compassion that lies at the heart of Buddhism.

Many young people seem to share Bede Griffiths' views. If one reads the spiritual paperbacks that students are buying, one finds elements of the same message, sometimes in outlandish forms, but often in a balanced one. At the Dalai Lama's lectures at Wembley or Brent, there were many students and people a few years out of college. My own experience in talking to younger people is that many of them accept the Bede Griffiths propositions, and find them a welcome addition to formal religion.

If the propositions are taken singly, one can decide whether or not one agrees with him. The first proposition is that a new and more "feminine" world culture is beginning to appear, that its characteristics are compassion, cooperation, intuition and synthesis rather than the "aggressive, competitive, rational, analytical" culture. For those of us who are children of the humanist culture of the 20th century, this can be hard to accept. Many of my friends are in varying degrees aggressive, competitive, rational and analytical, and that is the world in which I have lived. I find myself the intellectual grandson of Adam Smith and the great-grandson of John Locke, and cannot easily disown my ancestors.

Yet this modern world is breaking down. Its competitive characteristics need to be brought back into balance with more "feminine" characteristics of caring and compassion. One can see that society has become too mechanical, far beyond what Thomas Carlyle criticised when he first denounced the mechanical society, as early as the 1830s. A more compassionate and integrated society would be closer to the spirit of all the great religions, and to the world philosophers such as Plato and Confucius. Come to that, it would be closer to the ideas of Adam Smith.

Bede Griffiths' fear of world catastrophe is also widely shared, on practical as well as spiritual grounds. Almost all the world's economic, strategic and political trends are rising on an explosive curve. It is as though the wheel of history is accelerating, and will run out of road by the middle of the next century — perhaps earlier — unless there is the shift of consciousness which Bede Griffiths expected and pointed to. This is just as much a probability in political as in religious forecasting.

The 18th-century Swedish mystic Swedenborg described a spirit of desolation which overcame him, as in the 19th century it overcame Henry James the elder, the father of the novelist and of William James the great American philosopher. Swedenborg call that spiritual depression a "vastation". What is happening now in Bosnia seems to be a similar terrible wasting of the human spirit, which has released diabolical energies of destruction. The psychological power of Nazism was of the same order. "Vastation" is what St Paul called "this present darkness", and what T.S. Eliot called "The Waste Land".

Bede Griffiths argues that "the present crisis has been prepared by the whole system of science and philosophy, affecting religion and leading to atheism". This system of reductionist science and positivist philosophy has dominated the West. Christianity is the great religion which has been worst affected, because it is the primary Western religion.

Since I wrote here recently about individual religious experience, I have had a number of sad and disturbing letters which show how far this has gone. People who have had valuable religious experiences, which would be regarded as wholly normal in Eastern cultures, find that they are prescribed tranquillisers if they mention them even to their families, and that the clergy themselves are embarrassed by them.

Christianity has been the victim of a general cultural attack on the possibility of spirituality. The Eastern religions have not been repressed to anything like the same extent, and are able to provide transfusions of spirituality to the West. The Christian mystical tradition is itself a transforming influence, but the East can help Christians to recover confidence in their own religious experiences.

In his lectures, the Dalai Lama also expressed Bede Griffiths' view that religions fossilise around dogmas appropriate to the historic conditions of their formative periods. All the great world religions are very old, dating from about 1000 BC to the rise of Islam in the 7th century after Christ. They all reflect the culture of ancient times: the Roman Catholic church reflects European cultures going back to the Roman Empire. Anyone who remembers the liberation of the Second Vatican Council will know what energy can be gained from relaxing the grip of historic cultures which — like the post-1870 Vatican mind-set — have ceased to be relevant. The great religions can undoubtedly help each other to set themselves free from obsolete forms — a thoroughly Christian process.

The phrase that still worries me is "a cosmic, universal religion". There is a danger of loss in that. I agree that all religions have a core of common spiritual experience. I agree that each religion illuminates the others and that they should not be seen as competitors. Yet I find the idea of a cosmic, universal religion a poor substitute for Christianity, or indeed for the other great religions. A Christianity enlightened by Buddhism, enriched by Hindu or Sufi meditation, connected to its Jewish roots, aware of the perennial philosophy, will be more profoundly Christian. I do not feel that a federal religion would be as sacred to human beings as the separate traditions they have already, or as near to truth as the message of Christ.

Heal the Euro-rift quickly

Factionalism and PR go together, argues **John Biffen**

Important issues concerning national identity frequently divide party loyalties, and the Maastricht controversy has illustrated some uncomfortable aspects of Tory caucus politics. Tempers became frayed and normal Westminster courtesies were often disregarded. Kenneth Baker, with the authority of a former party chairman, has written of "shameful attempts to set associations against their MPs". These tactics proved counter-productive, and doubtless time will heal much of the bitterness. Tolerance rather than assertion should now be to the fore.

At Westminster, the Conservative caucus centres upon the Whips' office, an indispensable organisation for the conduct of government business. All the conventional pressures were applied to secure support for the Maastricht Bill. More questionable was the attempt by some members of the 1922 Committee to apply pressure to the minority who oppose the growth of a centralised European Community. Caucus pressure was also applied by some constituency associations to bring anti-Maastricht MPs into line. Taken together, these pressures were decidedly unhealthy.

The European issue is not going to wither on the vine. It will continue to be a dominant factor in British politics. These are not propitious times for the slogan "My party right or wrong".

For decades the British political system has rested upon the dominance of two "broad church" parties, Conservative and Labour. The electoral system of "first past the post" has encouraged this, and in return Labour and Conservatives have tolerated a wide range of opinion so that political change could proceed within the party structure. This form of government contrasts with countries where proportional electoral systems allow for a range of political factions, whose changing alliances dominate government.

Thus tolerant, broad-church political parties and "first past the post" voting are linked in the British system. Conservative Euro-conformists do not realise the tinder they have been handling in recent months. If the Conservative party becomes caucus-dominated in its European policy, there is a danger that the minority may look for other means of support for its view.

It might seek to take its case to the general public. Historically that has been a forlorn task. The British voting system does not encourage minority views. Now all is changing. Electoral reform will soon be on the Westminster agenda. At least two of the possible alternative voting systems would enable candidates to put their arguments to the public: the single transferable vote or the additional vote. The latter is favoured by a sizeable number of Labour MPs.

Both these systems enable the voter to indicate an order of preference for parliamentary candidates. The single transferable vote is based upon multi-member constituencies, as in the Irish Republic, while the additional vote is used for single-member constituencies, as in the United Kingdom, and is used in Australia.

If either of these systems were introduced in Britain, voters could exercise their judgment on the relative merits of candidates holding different views about Europe. No caucus could frustrate this. Such a development of preference voting is unlikely but not wholly fanciful. Nonetheless, if our present voting arrangement comes under serious challenge from some kind of proportional representation system, and a tradition of European orthodoxy is also established, no one can be sure what political disruption will ensue.

It would be tragic if the thoughtful debates about Europe's future turn out to presage irreconcilable divisions in the Tory party. It need not happen, but tolerance is needed to ensure it does not.

The author is MP for Shropshire North. This article is adapted from the afterword to Maastricht, Game, Set and Match?, *published by Conservative Way Forward.*

Bacon pickle

FRANCIS BACON would almost certainly have approved of the excellent 1990 vintage of Chateau Mouton Rothschild, which has just been released but there is one thing that would have disappointed the artist: the label.

Bacon was terribly dismissive of the canvas he produced for Baroness Phillippine de Rothschild, as the baroness, a great fan of his work, explained this week at the label's "launch". The baroness said she had pursued Bacon for a considerable time before he accepted her commission. His consent, however reluctant, ensured that he would follow in the footsteps of Picasso, Chagall and Andy Warhol, who all produced paintings for Rothschild wine labels.

Eventually the painting was finished, and Bacon agreed to deliver it to Baroness Phillippine at her hotel near Harrods, using the excuse that he "wanted to buy some socks".

Bacon arrived at the hotel, defying doctor's orders, at the end of 1991, with his painting in a carrier bag. "He did not like it at all. He didn't think it was good enough and wanted to do it again. He thought it was awful but said we could have it if we wanted it," says the baroness. "Of course, I wanted it, and said there was no question of him doing it again." Indeed not — the label that now graces the 1990 *premier cru* turned out to be one of Bacon's very last works.



● *Britain's most cantankerous chef, Marco Pierre White, who pulled out of negotiations at the Box Tree restaurant in Ilkley two weeks ago, has turned his attention to his native Leeds. He has been nosing around the Calls area, where he wants to start a new restaurant based on his London eaterie, the Canteen. Home cooking, presumably.*

DIARY

Yes news is bad news

THE Euro-rebels are not the only people putting a brave face on the Danish referendum result. The yes vote is far from good news for Nelson & Pollard, the Oxford publishing house set up last October specifically to churn out explanatory leaflets on the dreaded treaty.

David Pollard, a physicist who set up the business with sculptor Susan Nelson, admits that sales are starting to peter out. "We are only breaking even," he says. "It is a question of staggering on."

Orders are still coming in for tapes of the text of the Treaty of Rome, and the Maastricht treaty, especially from universities, but Pollard and Nelson, implacable opponents of Maastricht, are looking for a new focus for their activities.

"We are getting quite a few enquiries from Australia for articles on the changes to the constitution should the monarchy be abolished."

A-leaping

FOUNDATIONS are being laid for the safe passage of the Maastricht bill when it reaches the Lords. Lord Hesketh, government chief whip in the Upper House, is embarking next week on a European fact-finding tour at the invitation of Tory MEPs in Strasbourg.

It will be his first visit to Strasbourg on matters European. But suggestions that he is inclined to the sceptical are dismissed by colleagues. "There has been a lot of gossip and, like many, he has had his worries about certain aspects of the bill," says one. "But he is very definitely on the right side." Which is just as well. Lord Tebbit, for one, is not giving in without a fight. "I am not just galvanised, I am completely stainless," says Tebbit.

Cell-block H

THE Prague prison where Czech president Vaclav Havel was incarcerated has reopened in a slightly different guise — as a budget hotel. Ruzyne Prison was a convent until 1948, when the secret police commandeered it as a prison. The velvet revolution saw the building briefly restored to the Order of Grey Sisters, before free market economics persuaded the nuns to rent it to two entrepreneurs. They have now reopened the building as the Pension Unitas.

There are 50 rooms, 12 in the former prison and the rest in the monastery. Co-owner, Jiri Vidim — clearly not one to miss a chance — has put a plaque on the door of Cell 6, explaining that Havel was imprisoned there. He says: "It says he was there in 1986. It is very popular. Already we are getting faxes from people wanting to reserve this cell. It still has grills on the windows. It doesn't have a shower or a toilet, but it does have hot and cold water."

Taking steps

CONFIDENTIAL alterations planned for the Albert Hall have taken a step forward. The hall, which made £1.7 million profit last year, has just completed a deal with Willi Stern, who has only recently been overtaken by Kevin Maxwell as Britain's biggest bankrupt, to buy the steps which sweep down from the building's south entrance. This will enable the hall to go ahead with a plan to build a tunnel under the hall to enable lorries to deliver heavy stage equipment.

Patrick Deuchar, the Albert Hall's chief executive, is delighted, if vague, about the deal done with Stern, who, long discharged from his bankruptcy, acted as managing agent for the steps' vendor.

"It was important for us to have that bit of land, but we are not announcing what we will do with it — although I can say that we will be spending a substantial amount of money on improvements."

The hardest word

SIR CRISPIN TICKELL wants it to be known that he is sorry. So sorry, in fact, that he plans to spend the next 50 years apologising.

Wearing his green activist hat, our former man at the United Nations is to bury a time capsule beneath Kew Gardens, the principal contents of which will be a letter addressed to future generations, apologising for the damage done to the planet by its current inhabitants.

The letter has already been drafted by Tickell, warden of Green College, Oxford, and Professor John Guillebaud, a visiting fellow to the college's environmental studies centre. They hope to launch the idea on Environment Day next month, and bury the capsule a year later. Tickell hopes the letter will be signed by the likes of David Bellamy and Richard Branson, whose involvement should introduce a positive note to the sorry message.



"I know I am regarded as a harbinger of doom," says Tickell, "so we will point out the good things as well. The more you can mobilise people now the less you have to worry for the future."

BALKAN VOID

No amount of talk can hide the dismal truth

The transatlantic recriminations about Bosnia have been muffled. Douglas Hurd's main concern, when he meets Warren Christopher tomorrow in Washington, will be to keep that diplomatic peace. For public consumption, consultations on "further measures" will continue. In London, Malcolm Rifkind asserts that "we are not saying you should not intervene", while in the next breath ruling out any "military solution".

All the main actors know that talk cannot obscure brutal truth. When fighting first broke out in the former Yugoslavia, there was talk of proper principles on which European and international security depended, that borders must not be redrawn by force, civilians massacred or driven from their homes, or the rule of law flouted. The truth is that these principles have been ground into Balkan dust because the West, while united in its desire to restore stability and even, belatedly, in its understanding of the consequences of failure, has not been prepared to use the power it commands.

When an early, limited use of military force could have prevented a foreseeable war in Bosnia, the Europeans hesitated for fear of exposing differences within their ranks which would set back the Community's premature and unrealistic plans for a common security policy. That first failure set a pattern of inadequate responses which have added steadily to the risks involved in compelling the acceptance of peace.

In its fruitless quest for a middle ground between confrontation and mere containment, driven forward by intolerable atrocities and backwards by what seemed like prudence, Europe is now deeply engaged, morally, financially and even militarily. It cannot flee. It will not fight. Of the powers engaged, only Russia is now attempting to exert leadership. The response is embarrassed silence from the Europeans, and a snub from Washington which, unless remedied, could cost the world dear.

Less than three weeks ago, outside Athens, the gulf between diplomacy and what was happening on the ground seemed about to narrow. America was involved; Russia had given warning that its traditional pro-Serbian support could not be relied upon. The Serbian leadership proved sensitive to the incipient signs that an international coalition was at last bent on ending the fighting in Bosnia.

As Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, signed the Vance-Owen plan, Mr Christopher demanded that Serb forces stop shelling Muslim towns and blocking humanitarian aid immediately, on pain of imminent military action. But in the unchoreographed, hopelessly amateur diplomatic ballet that ensued, this proved to be mere bluster. Fighting on all sides promptly intensified because both Serbs and Croats were with reason convinced that defiance would be without cost.

The damage is done. Future aggressors now know that it pays to use force, especially in Europe. The latest United Nations Security Council resolution on "safe areas" sets a precedent dismal even by UN standards. Conceived mainly to quiet consciences appalled by slaughter and starvation, it would disarm the defenders of the mainly Muslim enclaves while allowing the Serb besiegers to keep their arsenals. This is being presented as "creeping implementation" of the Vance-Owen plan: it is creeping capitulation to Serb conquest.

If interventionism is in tatters, a strategy of containment is in little better shape. Russia, observing the West's disarray and not averse to demonstrating that it remains a power to be reckoned with in Europe, is trying to exploit the rift between Belgrade and the Bosnian Serbs. If the West has nothing better to offer than Russia's plan to send troops to ensure that Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, implements his decision to seal the border, it should support it — as it should the sealing of the Croatian border. The Russians at least have still the respect of the Serbs. The West has now to reconstruct its own claims as guardian of the rule of law, on foundations more insecure than at any time since the 1930s.

SEND FOR THE PICADORS

Labour's leader needs sharper tactics and more imagination

Today John Major and John Smith face each other across the dispatch box for their twice-weekly ritual of prime minister's questions. This is the most public display of point-scoring available to government and Opposition. Yet it has recently become as boring as a no-score football match. Though Mr Smith ought to be kicking at an open goal, he seems regularly to send the ball sailing over the crossbar.

When Margaret Thatcher was leader of the Opposition, she frequently asked no question at all, if she did not sense an opportunity for discomfiting James Callaghan. And it was only when she won the subsequent election that she, unlike her predecessor, agreed to answer questions on any aspect of governmental responsibility. Now Mr Major has to follow suit, and Mr Smith, like his predecessor, feels obliged to leap up every Tuesday and Thursday. The Labour leader could benefit from some tactical lessons. A skilful leader of the Opposition sets up picadors to harry the prime minister on a subject before, like a matador, going in for the kill.

Ideally, they should ask the prime minister a series of deceptively innocent questions, the answers to which the Opposition leader can then use to impale his opponent. Roy Hattersley occasionally achieved this in Mr Kinnock's absence. But despite Mr Smith's forensic skills, he shows no sign of being able to use prime minister's questions to his tactical advantage.

He might well respond that he has more important things to do, principally the reform of his own party. He is rightly, and bravely, taking on the unions in their opposition to one-member-one-vote for party elections. Yesterday, however, Mr Smith ruled out Labour support for electoral reform, even the heavily diluted version proposed by his own party's Plant commission report. He only conceded the principle of holding a referendum on the issue if and when Labour won power.

Opponents of electoral reform argue that Labour has to win an election under the current first-past-the-post system before it could deliver any change to the voting system. Once it has won, they say, the arguments for change would disappear. Quite apart from the cynical assumption on which this is based — that reform is only worthwhile to gerrymander more Labour seats — it begs the question of how Labour is to win an election in the first place.

A more convincing argument is that, without promising changes in the voting system in advance, Labour will not be able to garner the votes it needs from the Liberal Democrats to displace the Tories. This month's county council elections showed that, even if Labour and the centre party do not engage in formal pacts, local people are becoming increasingly willing to vote tactically to oust a Conservative. This is more likely to be repeated nationally if Labour adopts a main plank of Liberal policy: electoral reform.

All of this may seem a world away from question time. But perceptions of a party and its leader are formed from fragments of images that include parliamentary performance and questions of policy. Mr Smith cannot afford to let up on any of these fronts.

YOU WILL, JACQUES, YOU WILL

Only the French would fuss over a politician's platitudes

Extravagance may be seen as a generous fault; but false attribution is mean. Jacques Attali, the conspicuous French technocrat who is president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, was urged from many quarters to resign last month when it became known that his bank, established two years ago to aid Eastern Europe, had spent twice as much on itself as on loans. Now an exhilarating drama has broken out in Paris over alleged misuse of some conversations in M Attali's latest book (his 17th), too accurately titled *Verbatim*.

The play deploys a notable cast. The injured party is Elie Wiesel, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, and the last man in the world from whom to lift copy. The matter concerns conversations between President Mitterrand and Mr Wiesel for a book that is about to be published. While they were going on, M Attali was special adviser to the president, and occupied the office next door. He was present during the conversations, parts of which are now said to have turned up verbatim in his book.

Everybody is behaving predictably as in French farce, with famous publishing houses screaming grave prejudice, Elie Wiesel expostulating more in sorrow than in anger, M Attali declaring it was agreed that he could use some extracts without attribution and transpose them in time, and President Mitterand refusing to comment because he does not want anybody to think that the book represents his official views.

The French are an admirable race because they take intellectual matters seriously. M Attali could try the "riposte courteous", that to borrow a conversation is research, not plagiarism. He could give "the *mot* modest", that immature artists imitate, mature artists lift. He could deliver "the reproof valiant", that the *pensées* of President Mitterrand on world affairs are nobody's private property.

He could go for the approach of Thomas Jefferson who, on being accused of plagiarism in the Declaration of Independence, said: "I did not consider it as any part of my charge to invent new ideas altogether and to offer no sentiment which had ever been expressed before." Then there is the historical defence that in oral societies, most performers "plagiarise" by borrowing material without identifying sources, and that conversations with President Mitterrand, though they may be stiff, are nothing if not oral. Or there is the argument from precedent rather than president, that everybody from Shakespeare and Villon onwards has been a snapper-up of others' trifles, changing them a bit as camouflage.

Most artists are affected by other artists, and the line between plagiarism and influence can be fine. But only in France could the familiar opinions of a politician on foreign policy be considered worth plagiarising, and the subsequent furious row guaranteed to sell more books.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Swan Hunter and shipbuilding's ills

From Mr Michael Ranken

Sir, The crisis in the British shipbuilding industry (letters, May 17) is one of two inevitable and entirely predictable consequences of separating warship building (WS) from merchant shipbuilding (MS) at the time of privatisation in 1986, just at the beginning of what has been the deepest slump in MS for 29 years.

It resulted in the demise of all the major mainland MS yards except what became Kvaerner Govan and Swan Hunter, the latter now classed only as a warship yard though it has always built great merchant ships as well.

Not surprisingly, Brussels then excluded Swan Hunter from the MS intervention fund, at that time 29 per cent and still 9 per cent, at least until the end of 1994. North East Shipbuilders, forced into closure at Sunderland, and one of the most modern MS facilities in Europe, was finally bulldozed last year on the spurious grounds that there was too much MS capacity in the United Kingdom. Scott Lithgow at Port Glasgow has also ceased production.

The other consequences for the warship yards have been first the loss for want of orders of Hall Russell at Aberdeen and Brooke Marine at Lowestoft, and now in July of, Cammell Laird, Birkenhead (owned by VSEL Barrow), one of the great yards, again because of its exclusion from the intervention fund, which prevents it too from offering competitive prices against continental MS yards.

Harland and Wolff in Belfast built recent royal fleet auxiliaries (RFAs) for the Ministry of Defence. Since becoming Norwegian-owned, this yard may now be permanently excluded from warship and RFA building.

With no major exports, the warship yards have only one monopoly customer, the MoD, now purveying far too few orders to keep the remaining yards in long-term business if these are limited only to warships. Closure of Swan Hunter (report, May 14) will result in the MoD having only one supplier for each main class of warship.

Where then will be the much vaunted competition, or do we intend to purchase future warships abroad and so lose yet more centres of excellence in this country?

Britain's shipbuilding capacity is now a quarter of what it was 30 years ago; it must not be allowed to drop further. We must concentrate on the top end of the market for specialised designs where our maritime talents can excel and the balance of payments benefit both from high-value products available for export and from operating a proportion of them in our own trades, manned by UK officers and seamen.

Yours etc,
MICHAEL RANKEN,
44 Castelnau Mansions,
Castelnau, Barnes, SW13.
May 18.

From Mrs John Hills

Sir, Every business must be viable to survive, but how can a shipyard survive with its hands tied behind its back? When Swan Hunter was reprivatised in 1986, how did the government expect it to succeed if it was restricted to building for the Ministry of Defence?

We must surely keep one yard, already universally famous, able to build complete warships for us. Who knows what is round the corner, and the sea is one thing the politicians cannot reduce.

If only government would care about preserving and promoting quality. People after all need loyalty and pride as well as bread and milk.

Yours faithfully,
KATE HILLS (great-granddaughter of Charles Sheridan Swan, founder of Swan Hunter),
The Priory Cottage, Long Newnton, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.
May 18.

From Lord Sterling of Plaistow, Chairman of P & O

Sir, May I comment on Mr John Taylor's letter (May 17) concerning British shipbuilding.

P & O Cruises and P & O European Ferries call for quotations for new ships, as a matter of policy, from British yards; of those ships Mr Taylor mentions no British yard found it possible to present a quotation. Several did not reply to the tender invitation.

Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to build our ships in British yards; if they were competitive in terms of price, delivery and quality we would certainly do so.

P & O European Ferries spends more than £20 million a year in British shipyards and with British subcontractors in maintaining its ships; P & O Cruises spends more than £11 million for the same purpose. One shares Mr Taylor's regret this cannot extend into building ships.

Yours faithfully,
STERLING of PLAISTOW,
Chairman, Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company,
79 Pall Mall, SW1.

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Garden for the City?

From Mrs Jeanne Paisley

Sir, While Church leaders discuss whether to rebuild the church of St Ethelburga or to erect a monument to victims of terrorism on the site (letters, April 29, May 3, 8, 12) it may be worth considering another option.

While there is no shortage of churches in the City, there is a dearth of green oases. The construction of a garden of meditation on the site of St Ethelburga's would provide a haven of peace for City workers and a refreshing sight for passers by. It would be a living memorial to victims of terrorism, changing with the seasons.

Dr Hans Feibusch, whose murals have been destroyed, has offered the church a sculpture. This could stand in the garden. Some of the old stones, the wood and the ancient tablets could be incorporated into the design.

The relatively small sums insured on the church's building and contents could go a long way towards the cost of such a garden, particularly if surveyors and designers gave their services; and the income from Robert Kitchin's endowment of 1557 should be adequate to provide maintenance.

The IRA has already destroyed the irreplaceable; and to build a replica of St Ethelburga, at enormous cost to the people and institutions of this country, would in no way hinder its cause. To replace the lovely old church with a tiny jewel of a garden would benefit many of us every day.

Yours sincerely,
J. M. PAISLEY (Garden designer),
Jacaranda, Wembury Park,
Lingfield, Surrey.

Russia rewritten

From Mr J. A. G. Stonehouse

Sir, Anniversaries (May 17) records the death of "... Catherine I, Empress of Russia, ... Leningrad, 1727". She would have been surprised to learn that her capital city had been renamed after a yet unborn 20th-century revolutionary. Perhaps this is just another example of the Soviets rewriting history.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. G. STONEHOUSE,
Elm Lodge,
43 Upper Tilehouse Street,
Hitchin, Hertfordshire.
May 17.

Moving to the left

From Mr David Moss

Sir, Miss Jill Bickerton (letter, May 11) writes of "the comparative safety of 50-60 mph in the slow lane" on motorways. Her good intentions are clear; her method, however, produces the opposite result. I propose a recommended minimum speed, conditions permitting, of 60 mph on motorways; those without either the personal confidence or the mechanical means to achieve this should confine themselves to other roads.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MOSS,
73 Wroughton Road, SW11.

Penelope Gilliatt

From Mr Ian MacFadyen

Sir, The suggestion in your obituary of Penelope Gilliatt (May 12) that she will be remembered not for her novels and short stories, her film criticism and her script for *Sunday, Bloody Sunday*, but as "the wife of the best man at the wedding of Princess Margaret to the Earl of Snowdon" who later "ran away with and married John Osborne" is a disservice to Penelope Gilliatt, both as a person and a writer.

Your obituarist is clearly aware of Gilliatt's contempt for gossip columnists but indulges in similar vicariousness, triviality and innuendo. Penelope Gilliatt was a writer, but your obituary treats her as a pathetic character in a bad short story, the kind which she herself could never have written.

Yours faithfully,
IAN MacFADYEN,
10 Buckmaster Road,
Battersea, SW11.
May 12.

From Mrs Penelope Mortimer

Sir, Your obituary of Penelope Gilliatt was gratuitously insulting. Penelope was highly respected in her profession, talented, witty, and generous to a fault. What vices she had were occasioned by her misfortunes, and harmed no one but herself.

Bette Davis had no connection with *Sunset Boulevard*: and even if she had, the fact would be irrelevant.

Sincerely,
PENELOPE MORTIMER,
19 St Gabriel's Road, NW2.

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, Penelope Gilliatt is described as a founder-member of the anti-H-bomb Committee of 100. She was not a member of the Committee of 100 at any time during its existence from autumn 1960 to spring 1962.

Yours etc,
NICOLAS WALTER,
88 Islington High Street, N1.

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Sexual discrimination in academe

From Dr Jocelyn Dow

Sir, Discrimination in academic appointments is subtle and there is cause for complaint well before "women of outstanding scholarship and ability have been passed over in favour of mediocre males" (Professor Kenneth Minogue's letter, May 17). That, as a criterion by which to recognise discrimination, is an outrage.

Women should be offered the same opportunities as those enjoyed by men of comparable ability.

University committees appoint men. Can we be surprised that this is the case when universities and their committees are male-dominated? The problem is as severe in younger as in the ancient universities.

Many able women do teach and run research programmes in our universities, and frequently they occupy positions of greater than average responsibility, although few hold higher rank, within their department. This might suggest that those women who have been appointed are of greater ability than their male colleagues.

Few of us would argue for positive discrimination, but we would ask for equal opportunity to be a fact and not simply a policy.

Yours faithfully,
JOCELYN W. DOW,
Glasgow University,
Department of Biochemistry,
Glasgow G12 8QQ.
May 18.

From Dr Dolores Byrne

Sir, Your quest for other measures to give a profile of the UK university ("How the university rankings figures were reached", May 14) could be answered in part by the inclusion of statistics on the female/male ratio at undergraduate, postgraduate and staff levels, particularly in the science and engineering faculties.

Some of the reasons underlying the scarcity of women following careers in the physical sciences and in engineering include the sense of isolation experienced as the lone female in a team and the lack of female scientists as role models and mentors at senior levels within an organisation. Nationally there are two female professors of physics and one female professor of chemistry.

While the government, through the Committee on Women in Science, Technology and Engineering which has been set up by Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Science, seeks to discover why so few women reach the top in science and engineering, perhaps *The Times* could reassess its lists of top 20 universities for sciences and for engineering to include the commitment of universities to act on these issues. Can the nation continue to afford to under-utilise the pool of technological talent available?

Yours faithfully,
DOLORES BYRNE
(Chair, Women in Physics),
The Institute of Physics,
47 Belgrave Square, SW1.

Juries and justice

From Mr Peter Carter-Ruck

Sir, The criticism of your correspondent, Mr James Bradshaw (May 10), of Bernard Levin's berating of the judges and of support for the jury system (May 4) seems, in part, to misdirect his target.

Whilst I wholly support his criticism of Mr Levin's uncalled for and unjustified attack on the judges, it is no answer to embroider this with berating of the jury system. The fault lies not with the jury system but with the legislature.

It has always been a principle of English law that when a citizen's life, liberty or honour are at stake, he is entitled to be judged by his fellow countrymen.

Where the system has failed is in the abrogation and repeal of well-tested laws and customs by politically motivated legislation.

As a result, citizens are no longer judged by their peers — their equals — but by anyone, criminal, illiterate, uneducated, or medically unfit, because the only qualification for eligibility to serve on a jury is now to be over 18 and under 70: a university professor of 71 with a first-class honours degree in jurisprudence is not eligible, whereas a semi-illiterate 18-year-old is.

If special juries (those whose members required some qualification) were reintroduced, some of the absurdly high awards of libel damages and the unduly long fraud trials, often ending in perverse verdicts, would almost certainly be far fewer.

The wholly unsatisfactory present situation started with the Juries Act 1949, a party politically motivated measure which abolished special juries for libel actions and concluded with the Courts Act 1971, when special juries were abolished also for fraud trials.

Both measures should be repealed in so far as they affect jury trials, and replaced with some sensible minimum qualification for eligibility, so that those involved in civil or criminal trials would be judged by their peers.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CARTER-RUCK,
Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners,
75 Shoe Lane, EC4.
May 17.

From Professor Glanville Williams, QC, FBA

Sir, Mr James Bradshaw makes the important proposal that criminal charges in the crown court should be decided by a judge with two lay assessors.

This would be an immense improvement on the jury system. A tribunal deciding questions of fact ought to be able to consider all relevant evidence, but at present it is thought that the jury, isolated from the judge, cannot be trusted to hear it all. The resulting exclusionary rules make the law of evidence highly technical and a source of error.

A change from the jury to decision by the judge and two assessors, sitting together and requiring a unanimous vote for convicting (not for acquitting), and giving reasons for the conviction, would enable the law to be immensely simplified, verdicts to be rendered more trustworthy, trials to be expedited, and public money saved.

The two assessors must be chosen for intelligence, and must above all have the firmness and moral integrity to stand against the opinion of the judge when they disagree with him. They should be appointed for a fixed period, and should receive sufficient remuneration.

Yours faithfully,
GLANVILLE WILLIAMS,
Merrion Gate, Gazeley Road,
Cambridge.

Consular assistance

From the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

Sir, Kate Alderson's articles of May 12 about the detention in France of Raymond Bickley and of May 17 about the death of Paul Douglas, again in France, imply that our consuls were not active enough on behalf of these British citizens.

Mr Bickley was visited in prison by the British consul. At the prompting by our consular staff a lawyer was appointed to represent his case. Immediately it was learnt that the lawyer had not visited Mr Bickley and had not attended the first hearing, the consul general took up the case with the president of the local bar association.

We shall continue to press for the lawyer to provide Mr Bickley with a proper defence, but British consuls cannot be held responsible for the way in which foreign legal defence systems are operated.

There is no way in which the Foreign Office can be blamed for the tragic death of Mr Douglas at Varces prison. Other newspapers which reported this story in January noted correctly that the consul had visited him on more than one occasion and that the decision by the French authorities to place Mr Douglas in solitary confinement after his attempted escape was supported by experienced prison medical and psychiatric staff.

Sadly, he committed suicide, but the consul had no grounds to dispute such expert and authoritative advice.

Our consular staff work hard throughout the world on behalf of Britons. They do a very good job, often under difficult circumstances. Your articles do them an injustice.

Yours sincerely,
MARK LENNOX-BOYD,
Foreign & Commonwealth Office,
King Charles Street, SW1.
May 18.

Instant honours

From Sir Sigmund Sternberg

Sir, Might I suggest that Eddie George, governor-designate of the Bank of England, would be a worthy recipient of an "instant honour" such as those awarded to the heroines of the Neuilly nursery school siege (Diary, May 18), since he has decided to freeze his own pay to make a point about inflation (report, also May 18)?

Over the past three years, according to the Institute of Management, the pay of the typical chief executive of Britain's larger companies has risen by 40 per cent, while the pay of the average worker has risen by a tenth of that amount (unless, of course, the average worker has been made redundant in that time).

Should the solution to this anomaly not be for the chief executive's pay to increase at no more than the average rate awarded to the company's workforce, unless he is willing to follow Eddie George's example?

Yours sincerely,
SIGMUND STERNBERG,
Star House,
Grafton Road, NW5.
May 18.

Deciding vote

From Mr Leslie T. Standing

Sir, We must be thankful that the Danes have got it right this time; the prospect of a third referendum would have been too awful to contemplate.

Yours faithfully,
L. T. STANDING,
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Hove, Sussex.
May 19.

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COURT CIRCULAR

H M YACHT BRITANNIA
May 19: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh disembarked from HMY Britannia this morning at Grimsby and were received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr Anthony Bethell) and Captain Jeremy Elwes (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Humberside).

Her Majesty visited the BOC Special Gas Facility, Stallingborough, and was received by the Mayor of the Borough of Cleethorpes (Councillor Kelwyn Bradley).

The Queen toured the facility, escorted by the Chairman and Chief Executive, BOC Group (Mr Patrick Rich), and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty afterwards opened a new wing at Scunthorpe General Hospital and was received by the Mayor of the Borough of Scunthorpe (Councillor Mrs Christine Pearson) and the Chairman, Scunthorpe and Goole Hospitals NHS Trust (Mr John Mason).

The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the hospital, escorted by Mrs Candy Morris (Chief Executive, Scunthorpe and Goole Hospitals NHS Trust).

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, visited Normanby Hall and honoured the Chairman Humberside County Council (Councillor George Hobson) with her presence at Luncheon.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Rita Pearlman Youth Centre, Hull, and were received by the Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull (Councillor Dennis Barber) who surrendered to The Queen the Sword of the City which Her Majesty returned to him.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh then toured the centre, escorted by Mrs Pam Brookes (Hull Area Co-ordinator) and Mrs Paula Yates (Hull Area Co-ordinator, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme).

Her Majesty later opened the British Red Cross Centre, Hull, and was received by the President, Humberside branch, British Red Cross (Sir Ian MacDonald of Sleat Bt).

The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the centre, escorted by Mr David Whincup (Director).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this evening gave a Reception on board HMY Britannia.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning visited the Grimsby Youth Service Centre.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Pasta Company, Barton upon Humber, and was received by the Mayor of the Borough of Glanford (Councillor Kenneth Sills).

The Duke of Edinburgh later visited Humberside Police Youth and Community Centre. The Duchess of Grafton, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr John Haslam, Major James Patrick and Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 19: The Prince Edward this evening attended the 1993 British Sports Ball, the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 19: The Princess of Wales today visited West Yorkshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Mr John Lyles).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Headway National Head Injuries Association, this morning visited Headway, Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, this afternoon visited the Wakefield drugs project, the Lodge, Stanley Royd Hospital.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Turning Point, afterwards visited New Hall Prison, Dial Wood, Flockton, Wakefield.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Relate, later visited Leeds Relate, 38 Call Lane, Leeds.

The Lady Sarah McCorquodale and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

May 19: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, today visited the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich.

The Lady Glenconner and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 19: The Duchess of Kent, this afternoon visited the Newbury Arts Workshop, Northcroft Lane, Newbury, and later visited the Newbury District Museum, The Wharf, Newbury, Berkshire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended a concert as part of the Newbury Spring Festival at Highclere Castle, Newbury, Berkshire.

Mrs Fiona Henderson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
May 19: Princess Alexandra, Vice-President of the British Red Cross Society, this afternoon presented the General Service Medal Northern Ireland to St John and Red Cross Service Hospital Welfare Officers at St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London EC1.

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Reception and Concert in aid of the Community Centre in Israel Project at Salters' Hall, Fore Street, London EC2.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Pietro Bembo, cardinal and theologian, Venice, 1470; Hieronymus Fabricius, surgeon and pioneer of embryology, Aquapendent, Italy, 1537; Elijah Fenton, poet, Shelton, near Newcastle-under-Lyme, 1683; William Thornton, architect and inventor, Jost Van Dyke, British Virgin Islands, 1759; Honoré de Balzac, Tours, France, 1799; John Stuart Mill, philosopher and economist, London, 1806; Wladyslaw Sikorski, soldier, Prime Minister of Poland 1922-23, Prime Minister of the Polish Government in exile 1939-43, Tuszów, Narodawy, 1881; Sigrid Undset, novelist, Nobel laureate 1928, Kalundborg, Denmark, 1882; Faisal I, King of Iraq 1921-33, Taif, 1883; Margery Allingham, detective story writer, London, 1904.

DEATHS: Christopher Columbus, explorer, Valladolid, Spain, 1506; Thomas Boston, clergyman, Ettrick, 1732; Marie Joseph, Marquis de Layfayette, soldier and statesman, Paris, 1834; Mary Lamb, writer, London, 1847; John Clare, the "Peasant Poet", Northampton, 1864; Clara Schumann, pianist and composer, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 1896; Sir Max Beerbohm, writer and caricaturist, Rapallo, Italy, 1956; Gilbert Murray, scholar, Oxford, 1957; Dame Barbara Hepworth, sculptor, St Ives, Cornwall, 1975.

Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone for the Royal Albert Hall, 1867.

Guy Trebert was the first person to be arrested using an identikit picture, Paris, 1959.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.J. Britten and Miss C.G. Hall
The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Britten, of Upminster, Essex, and Corinna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W.H.G. Hull, of Thorpe Bay, Essex.

Mr S.J.A. Davies and Miss A.E. Bicknell
The engagement is announced between Simon John Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs T.L. Davies, of Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire, and Anne Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M.T. Bicknell, of Sellack, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

Mr O.S. Dungey and Miss S.E. Holland
The engagement is announced between Oliver, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Dungey, of East Taphouse, Cornwall, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Holland, of Reading, Berkshire.

Mr H.S. Llewelyn and Miss G.M. Green
The engagement is announced between Huw, elder son of the Rev R.J. and Mrs Llewelyn, of Gloucester, and Michele, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.S. Green, of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mr M.J. Rendle and Miss J.C.G. Hadley
The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Rendle, of Cambridge, and Joanna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Hadley, of Béraut, France.

Mr N.P. Straker and Miss K.A.J. Murray-Philipson
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of the late Mr Edward Straker and of Mrs Straker, of Deal, Kent, and Kate, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Murray-Philipson, of Blaston, Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

Marriages

Mr S.J. Burder and Miss K.J. Wilson
The marriage took place on Sunday, May 2, 1993, at Holy Trinity Church, Wimbledon of Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Burder, and Kate, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Wilson.

Canon Dr C. Craston and The Rev B.H. Fullalove
The marriage took place on Friday, May 14, in the Chapel of Lambeth Palace of Canon Dr Colin Craston and the Rev Brenda H. Fullalove. The Archbishop of Canterbury officiated.

A reception followed in the Palace, by kind permission of the Archbishop and Mrs Carey.

Mr G.L.J. Nightingale and Miss S.L. Lister
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 15, at All Saints, Bisley, Gloucestershire, between Mr Guy Lewin Jon Nightingale, younger son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Jon Nightingale, and Miss Sarah Lovett Lister, elder daughter of Brigadier and the late Mrs Robert Lister. The Rev Ian Farrow officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Charlotte Orrell-Jones. Mr Christopher Noyes was best man.

A reception was held in Chalford Hill, Gloucestershire.

Receptions

Lord Mayor of Westminster
Following her election at the annual council meeting last night, Councillor Mrs Jenny Bianco, Lord Mayor of Westminster, gave a reception at Westminster Council House.

Overseas Women's Club
A reception was held in the Durbar Court, Foreign and Commonwealth Office on Wednesday, May 19, 1993, to mark the 35th year since the club's inauguration.

Appointment

Mrs Linda Sutcliffe to be a circuit judge, assigned to the north eastern circuit.

KEVIN LAMARQUE



Well prepared: Captain Tom Thorneycroft, brolly at the ready, surveys the Guards as they rehearsed on Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall, yesterday in readiness for Trooping the Colour on June 12, the Queen's official birthday

Memorial services

Mr Edward Henty
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were present at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Edward Henty held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Miss Kathryn Lister read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Mr David Sadler read from the works of Rudyard Kipling. Mr Ian Bradley, Picture Editor of the *News of the World*, gave an address. The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, Secretary of State for National Heritage, and the Commissioner of the City of London Police attended. Among others present were:

Mrs Henty (widow), Thomas and Alexandra Henty (children), Mr and Mrs Jonathan Henty (father and stepmother), Mr and Mrs Charles Henty (brother and sister-in-law), Miss Julia Henty (sister), Josephine and Clemency Henty (half-sisters).

Lord Brougham and Vaux, the Hon Henrietta Brougham, Sir Edward Pickering (executive vice-chairman, Times Newspapers and Master of the Guild of St Bride) with Mr David Hopkinson (deputy managing editor, *The Times*), Mr Ray Wells (acting picture editor, *The Sunday Times*) and Mr Andy Watts; Miss Patricia Chapman (editor, *News of the World*) with Mr Paul Connew (deputy editor), Mr Stuart Kuttner (managing editor), Mr Philip Wrack (ombudsman), Mr Alex Marunchak (news editor), Mr Bill Bateson (sports editor), Mr Robert Warren and past and present members of staff; Mr Kelvin MacKenzie (editor, *The Sun*), with Mr Bill Newman (managing editor), Mr Paul Buttle (picture editor) and Mr Chris Blythe; Mr Richard Stott (editor, *Today*) with Mr Geoff Webster (picture editor).

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Mr Tom Crone (legal manager, News International), Mr Russell Boyce (Reuters), Mr Mark Jordan and Mr Rupert Binsley (*London Tonight*), Mr J Johnson (London Press Club) and Mrs Johnson, Mr Steve Turner (British Association of Journalists), Mr David Rangecroft (representing the directorate, Public Affairs, Metropolitan Police), Mr Raymond Onslow (Royal Naval Association, Fleet Street branch), Mr Tommy Hindley (Professional Sport), Chancellor R M G Gray, QC (Central Criminal Court), Mrs Romey Chapman, Mrs E Gibson and Mrs H Coslan (Trinity Hospice, Clapham), Mr Matthew Marsh (representing the chairman and governors, Macaulay School, Clapham).

Judge Dennis Levy, QC, and Mrs Levy, Mr and Mrs I Malton, Mr Richard Reincke, Mrs Frances Reincke, Mr Boyd Milligan, Mr Mark Large, Mr Ray Chapman, Miss Amanda Shrimsley, Mr and Mrs Jason Fraser, Mr Andrew Dunsmore, Mr Martin Mann, QC, Mr Brendan Nelland, Mr Michael King, Mr Duncan Raban, Mr Alan Steinfeld, QC, Mr Alan Baird, Mr Arthur Edwards, Mr Gerry Dalton, Mr Douglas Hamilton, Mr Jim Sutherland, Mr C A Brodie, QC, and Mrs Brodie, Mr Eddie Waters, Mr Stuart White, Mr Mark Turner, Mr Chris Boffey, Mr Frank Hart and Mr Roger Kaye, QC.

Marshal of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, GCB, KCVO, KBE, AFC, will be held in St Clement Danes, Strand, London, on Wednesday, June 23, 1993, at noon. Dress for the occasion will be: Serving Officers', Full Ceremonial Day Dress; Civilians, Morning Dress or Lounge Suit. Tickets are not required but those intending to be present are asked to notify the Ministry of Defence, P1d(Ceremonial) (RAF), on 071-430 7567 or 7314.

Professor Denis Rawnsley Harper
A memorial service for Professor Denis Rawnsley Harper was held yesterday at St Peter's Chaplaincy, Manchester University. The Rev Geoffrey Barnard officiated. Mr Bertram H. Gilbert read the lesson and the Rev Roger A. Burgess gave an address.

Mr Reginald Grenfell
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Reggie Grenfell will be held in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea on Friday, May 21, at 11am.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Margaret Sherwin, permission to officiate, diocese Portsmouth: to be non-stipendiary Assistant Curate, St John, Purbrook, same diocese.
The Rev Henry Theobald, Chaplain and Team Leader, Portsmouth Hospitals Chaplaincy Team: to be part-time Chaplain, Portsmouth Hospitals Chaplaincy Team (Portsmouth).
The Rev Canon Clifford Wright, Team Rector, Basingstoke: to be Rector, Winchester, St Matthew (Winchester).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Canon John Hampton, Vicar, Broadway (Worcester): to retire as from May 30.
The Rev Canon William Morton, Senior Industrial Chaplain attached to the parish of Norwich, St Peter Mancroft w St John, Maddermarket, Rural Dean of Norwich East, and an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral: to retire from August 31.
The Rev Robert Palmer, Vicar, Deepcar (Sheffield): to resign for health reasons as from June 30.
The Rev Graham Williams, Vicar, Newcastle Christ Church w St Ann, Newcastle (Newcastle): to resign as from July 31.
The Rev Francis Wood, Assistant Priest, Newcastle The Epiphany Team Ministry (Newcastle): to retire as from June 23.

Church in Wales
Diocese of Llandaff
The Canon William Badham Morgan, Rector of Merthyr Tydfil, St David, Rural Dean of Merthyr Tydfil and Honorary Canon of Llandaff Cathedral, has died on March 8.
The Rev Peter Simon Gale, Chaplain, Royal Navy: to be Vicar, Ystrad Rhondda w Ynyscynon.
The Very Rev Alun Radcliffe Davies, Dean of Llandaff: retired on May 6.
The Rev Michael John Marsden, Vicar of The Graig, St John and Priest-in-charge, Cilfynydd: to be Vicar, Merthyr Tydfil, St David.
The Rev Glyn Austin, Curate of Barry, All Saints: to be Vicar of Nantymoel w Wyndham.
The Rev Steve Shelley Morgan, Vicar, Merthyr Tydfil Christ church: to be *also* to be Rural Dean of Merthyr Tydfil.

Birthdays today

Mr Tim Albery, opera director, 41; Mr John Arkell, industrialist and former director of administration, BBC, 84; General Sir Hugh Beach, 70; Sir David Berriman, former chairman, North East Thames Regional Health Authority, 65; Sir Robert Bunyard, HM Inspector of Constabulary, 63; Sir Clifford Butler, former vice-chancellor, Loughborough University, 71; Mr H.T. Cadbury-Brown, architect, 80; Professor I.R. Cameron, dean, United Medical and Dental Schools, Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals, 57; Sir Harry Campion, statistician, 88; the Rev Professor Owen Chadwick, OM, ecclesiastical historian, 77; Cher, singer and actress, 47; Professor Richard Cobb, historian, 76; Flight-Lieutenant J.A. Cruickshank, VC, 73; Mr Lynn Davies, athlete, 51; Mr Greg Dyke, chief executive, LWT, 46; Mr Keith Fletcher, cricketer, 49; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir John Harrison, 72; Lord Hollick, 48; the Very Rev Professor John McIntyre, theologian, 77; Viscount Mills, 37; Mr Jeremy Nichols, headmaster, Stowe School, 50; Mr Peter Shore, MP, 69; Sir William Simpson, former trades unionist, 73; Earl Spencer, 29; Mr James Stewart, actor, 85; Mr Iain Vallance, chairman, British Telecommunications, 50.

Shrewsbury School

Scholarships 1993
The following Scholarships and Exhibitions have been awarded:
Butler Scholarships: J.C. Dellow, Prestfelde; A.H. Ghadiali, Brocksford Hall; A.W.H. Thomas, Malsis School.
Kennedy Scholarships: E.T. Franklin, Westbourne School, Sheffield; J.D. Hartley, Abberley Hall; T.D. Pencavel, Prestfelde; J.M. Schurer-Weissmann, Kingsland Grange; S.D. Yaxley, Kingsland Grange.
Moss Scholarships: E.W.H. Burnside, Yarlet Hall; M.E.H. Dearden, Malvern College Junior School, Hillstone.
Allington Exhibitions: C.R.K. Beckett, Yarlet Hall; J.H. Oseman, The Elms; J.W. Pendergast, Kingsland Grange; G. Podd, The Old Hall; E.J.W. Raby, Terra Nova; W.J. Scotton, Birchfield School; A.S. Thompson, The Downs School, Colwall; C.R.E. Wilson, Malsis School.
Art Scholarship: O.A.V. Pettersson, Packwood Haugh.
Music Scholarships: D.J. Cranwell, Lichfield Cathedral School; D.W. Gill, King's College School, Cambridge; B.J. Hyett, Lichfield Cathedral School; J.C. Dellow, Prestfelde; D.A. Hughes, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford.
Music Exhibitions: M.C. Burden, Prestfelde; H.M. Clay, Sunningdale School.
Sixth Form Scholarships: M.H. Fullerty, The Manchester Grammar School; O.S. Reichardt, Royal Grammar School, Worcester.

Glaziers' Company

Mr S.M. Lever, Master of the Glaziers' Company, assisted by the Wardens, presided at the annual prize-giving held last night at Glaziers' Hall. Mr Basil Papachristidis presented Mr John Camps of the Highbury Unicorn Centre, Portsmouth, with the first prize in the Practical Glazing competition and Mr Jonathan Piercy and Miss Julia Hember both of Vauxhall College with the equal second prize. Mr Andrew Lewis and Miss Vanessa Cutler of the West Glamorgan Institute, Swansea, won the first and second prizes in the Stevens competition and Miss Stefanie Bourne of the Glasgow School of Art the third prize. The Arthur and Helen Davis Travelling Scholarship was awarded to Miss Davina Kirkpatrick.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as President of the British Sub-Aqua Club, will attend the 40th anniversary dinner at Guildhall at 8.00.

The Princess of Wales will attend a dinner at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, at 8.30 in aid of the British Wheelchair Sports Foundation.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will visit the Samaritan Youth project at Haberdashers' Aske's School, SE14, at 2.00; and, as patron, will attend a reception given by the Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood Trust in conjunction with Thorn EMI at 1 Woods Mews, SW1, at 6.00.

Princess Alexandra, as patron, will attend the annual luncheon of BEN (Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund) at the Savoy Hotel at 12.30; and, as Patron of the English National Opera, will attend a performance of *Macbeth* at the Coliseum at 7.15.

Service dinner

Naval Club
Admiral Sir William Pillar presided at a dinner held last night at the Naval Club to mark the Battle of the Atlantic. Admiral Sir Anthony Morton was the principal guest.

Eton dinner

C. Mayes'
Charles Mayes' old boys held a reunion dinner at White's Club last night. Lord Catto presided and proposed the health of Brigadier Andrew Mayes, son, and of Mr Charles Mayes and Mrs James Mayes, grandsons.

Luncheons

Nuffield Hospitals
The Lord Lane of Horsell, newly elected Chairman of Nuffield Hospitals, was host at a luncheon held at the Institute of Directors to mark the retirement from the Board of Governors of the outgoing Chairman, Mr Harry Axton, and his fellow Governor, Mr Edmund Butler. The Hon Tom Sackville, Under-Secretary of State for Health, addressed the 110 members, guests and staff. Lord Lane of Horsell presented a gift to Mr Axton from the members of Nuffield Hospitals in appreciation of his seventeen years as their Chairman.

Carlton Club
Mr Giles Chichester, Chairman of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the club. The guest of honour and speaker was Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, Attorney General, and Mr Anthony Speaight also spoke.

Dinners

Lord Henley
Lord Henley entertained the Irish Press Association at dinner last night at the House of Lords. Lord Kilmaine presided. Mr Charles Moore, Editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, was the guest of honour.

Lord High Commissioner
Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Macfarlane gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:
Viscount and Viscountess Thurso, the Hon Sir Steven Runciman, CH, the Lord Provost of Glasgow and Mrs Robert Innes, Mr and Mrs Roger Billcliffe, Professor and Mrs Michael Bond, Mr and Mrs Timothy Clifford, Mr and Mrs Alexander Goudie, Mr Ian Gow, Mr and Mrs Andrew Little, Mr and Mrs Michael McCrum, the Rev Gordon and Mrs McGillivray and Dr and Mrs Alan Rutherford.

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BIRTHS

FOGEL - On May 15th 1993 at The Portland Hospital, to Tania (née Kornberg) and Shlomo, a daughter, Alexa Adi Rebecca, a sister for Gabriella and Maya.

HOCKADAY - On 15th May, to Polly (née MacAndrew) and Tom, a daughter, Rose.

HORTON - On May 10th, at The Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, to Alison (nee Lindsay) and Nicholas, a son, Thomas Benjamin Vernon.

KELLY - On May 15th, to Susannah (née Scott) and James, a son, George Claude, a brother for Archie.

MATHER - On May 11th, to Susie (née Thomas) and Nicholas, a son, Toby Montgomery William, a brother for Leila.

McDONALD - On May 8th, to Katharine (née Whitelaw) and John, a daughter, Catriona Mary Joyce, a sister for Victoria.

NEASHAM - On 15th May 1993, at home, to Patricia (née Hardie) and Steven, a son, Alexander Steven James, a brother for Oliver and Annabel.

NEILSON - On May 18th, to Paula (née van den Bosch) and Tony, a son, James Anthony.

YORATH - On May 18th 1993 in Chicago, to Angela (née Haviland) and Martin, a son, William Edmund Lewis, a brother for Megan.

DEATHS

BOOTH - On Sunday May 16th at The Royal Brompton National Heart and Lung Hospital, Chelsea, Rupert, leaving Freddie and his three daughters. The funeral service is to be held at St Luke's Church, Sydney Street, Chelsea, on Wednesday May 26th at 2.40 pm. Donations if desired to Health Projects Abroad, H.M.S. President, Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0BJ.

BOSHELL - On May 14th 1993, Father Peter Stephen at Orione, 12 Station Road, Hampton Wick, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey, aged 75 - Parish Priest of St Thomas More Church, Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 from March 1967 to December 1989. Requiem Mass at 11 am on 26th May 1993 at St Thomas More Church followed by burial at Hampstead Cemetery. Enquiries and flowers to A. France & Son, 45 Lambs Conduit Street, London WC1 (tel: 071-405 4901).

BURNETT - On May 17th 1993, Sarah Jane of Bulcombe, Avon, died suddenly, aged 43 years. Very dearly loved daughter of Rachel and the late James Burnett. Memorial Service 2.30 pm, Monday 24th May 1993, at All Saints Church, Wrington, Avon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Diabetic Society c/o Keith C Britton and Son Funeral Directors, 10 High Street, Yatton, Avon BS19 4JA.

BUTCHER - On 17th May peacefully in hospital, Eva Hammond Butcher, aged 98 years, of Clevedon. Now reunited with her sister Emily Elizabeth. Funeral Service at Clevedon Baptist Church on Tuesday May 25th at 2.30 pm followed by interment at St Andrew's Churchyard. No flowers, donations if desired to The Baptist Missionary Society c/o L. Bennett and Son, Funeral Directors, 9 Queens Road, Clevedon BS21 7TH.

DAVIDSON - On May 18th, peacefully at home, Vi (née Vokins) in her 94th year. Much loved wife of the late Alan Salisbury and a very dear mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many. Service at St Mary's Church, Lenham, on Thursday May 27th at 11am. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society c/o A.W. Court Funeral Directors, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, nr. Maidstone. (0622) 850840.

FEELY - On May 17th 1993, passed peacefully away at her home in Somerton, Winifred Alice in her 96th year. Funeral Service at The Roman Catholic Church, Somerton, Somerset, on Wednesday May 26th at 10.30am. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Poor Clares Convent Lourdes, c/o Forsey and Son Funeral Directors, Pound Pool, Somerton, Somerset.

FRIEND - Peacefully on 18th May 1993, at his home in Carlton, Bedfordshire, Maurice Temple aged 64 years. Beloved husband of Jane, dear stepfather of Robert, Philip, Nicholas, Edmund and Andrew. Funeral Service and committal at St Mary's Church, Carlton, on Monday 24th May at 10 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Multiple Sclerosis Society c/o Abbotts Funeral Service, Bedford Road, Rushden, Northamptonshire.

GRIGGS - On 17th May at Greystone, Cheltenham, Frank Douglas, aged 89 years. Sadly missed by his family and friends. The funeral service will take place at Cheltenham Crematorium Chapel on Friday 28th May at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to Selim Smith & Co., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham.

HALL - Lauretta (Bunty) aged 73 years, peacefully in a Scarborough nursing home on May 17th. (Formerly GCHQ Cheltenham)

HALSEY - Barbara Dorothea on May 18th, peacefully in Moniaive, Dumfriesshire. Beloved wife of the late William Halsey, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Maxwelton Chapel, Moniaive, Dumfriesshire, at 12 noon on Monday 24th May followed by private cremation service. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Glencairn and Moniaive Parish Church c/o Col. C.W. Wilson, Cairnhead, Moniaive, Dumfriesshire DG3 4JE. Memorial Service at Norton-Sub-Hamdon at a later date.

MALET - Mrs K.B., widow of Lt. Col. A.W. Malet M.V.O. On May 15th in Cheltenham. Funeral at Bishops Cleeve on June 1st at 2.30 pm. Directors: Selim Smith (0242) 525383.

MARKHAM - On May 18th 1993, suddenly but peacefully in Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, after a brave fight against leukaemia, Robin. Dearly loved and loving husband of Pat, father of Janet and father-in-law of Harry. No flowers by request but donations in lieu to The Haematology Fund, Ward 3, Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, Lancs. All enquiries please to T.H. Fenton, 27/28 Rossall Road, Cleveleys (0253) 852383.

MONTAGU - On 13th May 1993, peacefully, Mary Lenore, widow of A.F.J. Montagu. Private cremation, at her request no memorial service.

MOODY - Jill of Springfield Place, Bath, on May 15th after a brief illness gallantly borne. Sadly missed by Judy, Auntie Dorothy and many friends. Funeral Service at Bath Abbey on Wednesday May 26th at 12.30 pm. Flowers to Jollys, 7 Windsor Place, Bath.

WILLIAMS - On 18th May, peacefully at St Saviour's Hospital, Hythe, Joy (née Rodgers), beloved wife of John and mother of John and Michael. Funeral at Barham Crematorium, near Canterbury, at 12 noon on Tuesday 25th May.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SHELBOURNE - A Memorial Service for Sir Philip Shelbourne will be held at St Lawrence Jewry on Thursday 24th June at midday. Please apply for tickets to Mrs Catherine Fisher at Myles Place, 68 The Close, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 2EN.

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OBITUARIES

BRIGADIER GEOFFREY WESTON

Brigadier Geoffrey Weston, DSC and Bar, former naval officer and army lawyer, died on May 17 aged 71. He was born on August 15, 1921.



FEW, if any, British Army brigadiers can have been holders of the Royal Navy's Distinguished Service Cross — much less two of them; but then few, if any, other men have served as officers in both services, as Geoffrey Weston did (although, as an army lawyer, he always made it clear he did not wish to be taken for a "fighting" brigadier).

His name came to public notice in 1949 as a result of the Yangtze incident. Though his was not the main role — that of skippering the beleaguered frigate *Amethyst* as she made her dramatic dash for freedom in the open sea under the guns of the Chinese communists — he was nevertheless decorated for the brave part he played.

One of nine children of a stockjobber, S. V. P. Weston, who served in the Army in both world wars, and won three DSOs, an MC and the Belgian and French Croix de Guerre, Geoffrey Lee Weston was educated at Seabrook Lodge, Hythe, before going to Dartmouth as a cadet in 1935. During the second world war he served in the South Atlantic, on the China Station, in the North Atlantic and in the Mediterranean, where he was awarded the first of his DSCs.

In April 1949, with the Chinese civil war between Chiang Kai-shek's nationalists and Mao Tse-tung's Chinese People's Liberation Army raging, HMS *Amethyst*, commanded by Lieutenant-Commander Bernard Skinner, with Weston as his First Lieutenant, was proceeding up the Yangtze river to Nanking, then the nationalist capital, to act as guardship for the British embassy there.

This would normally have been a purely ceremonial duty, but unknown to British Intelligence, the communists had already reached the Yangtze and the British warship suddenly found herself fired on at close range by the CPLA's batteries onshore. Seventeen of her crew, including Skinner, were killed and the ship was badly damaged. Weston took command and brought *Amethyst* to anchor in the middle of the fairway, the only course open to him.

For the next 56 hours, although desperately wounded, he continued to exercise his command, refusing to leave the ship and maintaining calm and discipline, until a replacement had been ordered aboard, in the person of Commander John Kerans. This period, though relatively short, was an important one, in terms of preserving the morale and coherence of a ship's company who had, without in anyway expecting it, been suddenly and violently assailed and suffered death and injuries.

It was Kerans, later a Conservative MP, who became the darling of the nation in a lean time for British morale and prestige. On the night of July 30, 1949, he slipped his anchor cable and navigated *Amethyst* with great skill and daring on the tricky passage to the open sea, 140 miles away. Weston, by contrast, had to spend some difficult months in China, recovering from wounds in hiding and in some danger of capture by the communists. But he eventually, after some vicissitudes, made his way to Hong Kong. He received a Bar to his DSC for the part he played but, with characteristic modesty, always disclaimed having done anything meritorious.

He was shortly afterwards invalided out of the Royal Navy, but instead of being content to eke out an existence on his pension he took himself to Clare College, Cambridge, where he read for a degree in law, graduating in 1952. For the year 1952-53 he was at Kansas University, doing postgraduate study on a Fulbright scholarship.

He was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1954 but after a year's pupillage and practice joined the Army Legal Services, where he was commissioned as a captain in 1955. A man of incisive turn of mind, he did well there and moved swiftly upwards. But his colleagues remember him for his wit and sense of humour as well as for his great intellect. His range of experience and appointments was wide and included Cyprus, the British Army of the Rhine and Hong Kong.

In all these jobs his enthusiasm for, and excellence in, bridge, chess and squash (which he played in spite of the lingering effects of his wounds) made him an excellent messmate. Real tennis was another game he loved. He was also something of an insomniac, and his favourite pieces of Beethoven, blaring out from his record player in the middle of the night, were the object of amused (and sometimes not so amused) tolerance on the part of his brother officers. His final appointment was as Brigadier (Legal) at HQ UK Land Forces, and he retired from the Army in 1981.

Because of the injuries he had sustained on the Yangtze (shrapnel from the Chinese artillery remained in his body to the end) ill-health and pain were his constant companions. But he did not allow this to deflect him from his intellectual pursuits. He was a voracious reader and an indefatigable collector of books of all sorts. Indeed, visitors to his Hampstead home found themselves having to climb through increasingly large piles of these as the years went by. A modest man, he never dwelt on his achievements, indeed, he scarcely ever alluded to them, even to his own close friends.

He never married.

PATRICK BEECH

Patrick Mervyn Beech, CBE, Controller, English Regions, BBC, 1969-72, died on May 10 aged 80. He was born on October 31, 1912.



PATRICK Beech was the grandson of the actress, Mrs Patrick Campbell. His mother was Stella Patrick Campbell, who had married Howard Beech. Their son, was top scholar at Stowe, and took the Gifford Open Exhibition at Exeter College, Oxford, where he read modern history.

Beech's ambition was to make a career in the BBC, and soon after leaving Oxford he was appointed to a post in the West Region as a features producer. In 1939 he enlisted as a private in the Gloucestershire Regiment, and later in the war, as a sergeant, he joined the Army Film and Photo Unit.

This experience led him, while serving in the Far East, to write a set of proposals on how the BBC might organise film coverage of news for the television service as it developed, postwar. He sent this paper, out of the blue, to the Director-General of the BBC. It came into the hands of his deputy, Sir Noel Ashbridge, who minuted his view that the document was important and should be studied carefully. The Television Director, after some consideration, came to share this opinion. Many of the ideas Beech put forward were subsequently adopted.

Beech himself, however, did not follow up this paper in his subsequent BBC appointments. After the war he rejoined the corporation, at his own wish, in Bristol. There he was news editor, then television organiser and subsequently assistant head of programmes in charge of television. He had a good grasp of the techniques and technicalities of radio and television, and a vigorous and progressive approach to the development of the broadcasting media. Staff found him an inspiring leader. His professional standards were high, much influenced by his theatrical family background.

Beech revelled in the relative freedom of regional work, largely removed from the central bureaucracy, particularly in Bristol, and refused repeated offers of senior posts in London. In 1964, however, he was persuaded to move to Birmingham as Controller of the Midland Region. He quickly injected renewed vitality into that centre.

During his years as Controller, the new BBC building at Pebble Mill was constructed and brought into service. When the BBC's regional system was redesigned in 1969, he became Controller, English Regions, with oversight of all regional activities in England, and he successfully co-ordinated one of the most complex internal reorganisations ever undertaken by the BBC. He was appointed CBE in 1970, and retired in 1972.

His first wife died in 1959. Their two daughters survive him, as do the wife and daughter of his second marriage.

LORD KENYON

Lord Kenyon, CBE, chairman of the trustees of the National Portrait Gallery, 1966-88, died in Gredington, Shropshire, on May 16 aged 75. He was born on September 13, 1917.

WITH his network of friends in the arts and politics, and his ability to charm money out of a reluctant Treasury, Lord Kenyon was the perfect choice to be, for 22 years, chairman of the fifteen Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery. Although prepared to call on private money, as when he launched a national appeal to raise £50,000 for Sir Joshua Reynolds's portrait of Laurence Sterne in 1974, he was a fierce opponent of the Heath government's proposal to introduce admission charges.

He was not scared of paying large sums to prevent national treasures (such as Gainsborough's Sir Benjamin Truman) from leaving the country, and hardly let a single work of note escape his grasp. During his time there, he saw the gallery grow to house one of the most distinctive of the national collections.

Despite his poor sight (in later years he was almost blind), his appreciation for art was matched by an equal love for the written word. He sat on the Royal Commission for Historical Manuscripts from 1966 until earlier this year, and was chairman of the Friends of the National Libraries for 23 years. An avid book collector, with a fondness for very rare early English liturgical works, he owned editions of Caxton, Wynkyn de Worde and Richard Pynson.

He was also something of a printer in his own right: in 1978 he helped to relaunch one of Wales's most celebrated presses, the Gregynog Press, which enjoyed a reputation for fine printing between the wars. Welsh poetry, Welsh literature and works on typography, all were produced in a series of limited editions, beautifully bound, illustrated with wood-engravings and printed by hand.

Lloyd Tyrell-Kenyon was the elder son of the 4th Baron Kenyon, a Lord-in-Waiting to Queen Victoria, King Edward VII and King George V. He grew up on the Welsh borders, and succeeded to the peerage at the age of ten. Educated at Eton and Magdalene College, Cambridge, he joined the Shropshire Yeomanry in 1937 and served in the Royal Artillery during the second world war, but was invalided out with the rank of captain in 1943.

Kenyon had first proved himself as a museum administrator when appointed curator to the Fitzwilliam Museum, shortly after coming down from Cam-



bridge. He was president of the National Museum of Wales, 1952-57, and sat on the Ancient Monuments Board for Wales, 1979-87. He was also active in the field of local health administration, serving as chairman of the Wrexham Powys and Mawddach Hospital Management Committee, 1960-74, and of the Clwyd Area Health Authority. He was president of the University College of North Wales, Bangor, from 1947 to 1982.

One of his greatest contributions to cultural life in Wales had been the key role he played in establishing an exhibition of Victorian portraiture at Bodelwyddan Castle at St Asaph. This was one of the finest collections of Victorian portraits, furniture and sculpture in the world, and the castle, built in the 19th century by a local slate baron, seemed the proper home for it. Carpets and curtains were specially woven and new gilded plasterwork installed to recreate the opulence of high Victorian interiors. The Victoria and Albert Museum lent furniture and the Royal Academy donated sculptures.

Clwyd Council had bought and helped to restore the building in the mid-1980s but in 1991 the council, by now Labour-controlled, voted to sell the castle as a theme park, in the interests of council debt restructuring. Kenyon was livid and outspoken about the decision, predicting that no major gallery would ever trust a local authority again.

He was generous with his own property. Living in the family seat at Gredington, he had little use for another family house, Kenyon Peel Hall, one of the finest examples of Tudor architecture in Lancashire. In 1954 he let it on a 99-year lease for a peppercorn rent to the Church Army and the Canine Defence League. He was not, however, interested in preservation for its own sake. He had the impractically large Gredington pulled down, and smaller, family houses built on the site.

When not working, he lived the life of the typical country gentleman. His fondness for hare coursing brought him into conflict on more than one occasion with anti-blood sports campaigners. When in London he could be found at Brooks's or the Cavalry and Guards.

Despite a jovial exterior, and the undoubted usefulness of his life, Kenyon had his share of calamities in the family, and was never in the best of health. He bore everything with a quiet sense of humour.

He married, in 1946, Leila Mary, widow of Hugh Peel of the Welsh Guards. They had three sons, one of whom predeceased him, and a daughter. The title passes to his elder son, Lloyd Tyrell-Kenyon.

FERGUS CAMPBELL

Fergus Campbell, Professor of Neurosensory Physiology, Physiological Laboratory, University of Cambridge, 1983-91, died on May 3 aged 69. He was born on January 30, 1924.

FERGUS Campbell was one of the leading visual scientists of his generation, whose work had a world-wide influence in physiology and neuroscience, psychology, opthalmology and optometry.

He was the son of a general practitioner in Glasgow. In accompanying his father round the Gorbals in the 1940s, he gained a first-hand insight into the appalling conditions so many lived in, and into the human qualities that could emerge in spite of it. He carried his vision with him for the rest of his life and it left him a little alienated from the ways and thoughts of some of his southern colleagues, while fiercely loyal to those he admired.

He followed his father by gaining medical qualifications at Glasgow University, where he first developed his enthusiasm for research. This took him first to Oxford in 1952, but shortly afterwards to Cambridge where, as a lecturer in physiology and fellow of St John's College, he developed into a brilliant experimental physiologist who earned an international reputation in two fields of vision research.

With Gerald Westheimer he was among the first to determine objectively the quality of the image cast on the retina in the living human eye. This was achieved by imaging a bright line on the retina and analysing the pattern of light returning through the pupil. The small quantity of returning light, interference by eye movements and parasitic images, made these observations very difficult, but Campbell had a genius for setting up optical equipment so as to collect the relevant light and exclude the numerous sources of unwanted light.

The second field, from the early 1960s, was the use of sinusoidal grating patterns to determine the Modulation Transfer Function (MTF) of human vision. The MTF requires a neural response in the visual system and so it reflects this response as well as the quality of the optical image. Campbell could thus measure the performance of the retina and optic nerve in transmitting visual patterns to the brain.

His analysis of this performance, and experiments using a new technique of desensitising the visual system by exposure to specific stimuli, led to the idea of spatial-frequency selective "channels" in the visual system, which apparently break up the image into different frequency and orientation components.

This concept has been enormously influential in modern thinking about the visual process and also represented an experimental prevision of the current mathematical idea of decomposing images into "wavelets". These and the other achievements represented by his 120 scientific publications were recognised by an *ad hominem* chair at Cambridge, the Tillyer medal of the Optical Society of America and election to fellowship of the Royal Society in 1978.

Fergus Campbell was a very sociable person, and his laboratory was usually thronged with visitors and colleagues. Sometimes they overflowed into the corridor outside; where one would meet distinguished visitors from abroad waiting until "rush hour was over in Grand Central Station" as one of them put it.

It was a unique experience to talk with him in a lab well stocked with experimental equipment, for every argument was instantly turned into a possible experiment and, if possible, very quickly into a practical one. His experimental genius was matched by his ability to provoke and draw out ideas from his colleagues, convert them into predictions and make measurements to confirm or disprove them.

His sociability extended to the coffee room where he held forth with an almost inexhaustible supply of stories. One never heard him complain in spite of family tragedies and crippling arthritis of his back. The extraordinary number and distinction of his colleagues and collaborators, and the affection in which they held him, was very evident at the "Fergus Fest" which marked his retirement from his Chair (though certainly not from his laboratory) at Cambridge in 1991.

He is survived by his wife Helen and three children.

KENNETH GIDDENS

Kenneth Giddens, who headed the Voice of America for eight years and became embroiled in a stormy debate over its function as a propaganda tool, died in Mobile, Alabama, on May 7 aged 84. He was born in Pineapple, Alabama.

IT WAS ironic that Kenneth Giddens should have been fired from his post as director of the Voice of America by the incoming Carter administration in 1977. The fact was that, although he had been a political appointee of President Nixon, and was regarded as a Republican loyalist of the first order, he had for years been openly critical of the way in which the Nixon and Ford administrations manipulated the Voice of America's news-gathering operations.

Giddens found himself torn between his desire to protect the image of America, while at the same time broadcasting the truth. The two aims were frequently incompatible, notably in 1975 when the Voice of America reported on a Senate investigation of moves by the Central Intelligence Agency to assassinate foreign leaders.

"We are going to play this thing straight," he told his news staff, and protested publicly against the "intolerable pressure" being exerted by State Department officials. "They say 'Don't say this, don't say that', or 'don't talk about that', " he said. "It is particularly important for the VOA to have an image and a reputation for telling the truth."

Though it was set up under a charter which called for it to be "accurate, objective and comprehensive," as well as "reliable and authoritative" in its news, the Voice of America had become little more than a propaganda weapon in the Cold War long before Giddens took charge. His attempts to pull it back into the journalistic mainstream led to calls for the service to be made totally independent of the United States Information Agency, and to become a straightforward news service with no propaganda function.

Such a move was recommended by a commission in 1975, after Giddens's news chief, Bernard Kamenske, had testified that his staff were being intimidated by the State Department. When the administration changed in 1977, Giddens took his dismissal in good part. He recognised that President Carter had the right to appoint his own man, and was encouraged that the new administration seemed to be turning away from the propaganda role for the VOA. He returned to his commercial radio and television company in Mobile, Alabama, which he had founded in 1946.



In 1985 Giddens was recalled to government service by President Reagan and became acting director of Radio Marti, the station broadcasting to Cuba, but it was not to his taste and he did not stay long.

Kenneth Giddens is survived by Zelma, his wife of 59 years, and three daughters.

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OBITUARY

HERR GUSTAV MAHLER

The death of Gustav Mahler, one of the most distinguished musical conductors of the world, is announced as having taken place in Vienna on Thursday night.

He was a Bohemian, of Jewish origin, and was born on July 7, 1860; he received his general education at Iglau, Prague, and Vienna, and from 1877 was a pupil of the Conservatorium in the last-named city. In 1883 he received his first regular theatre appointment as the second *capellmeister* at Cassel, and in 1885 succeeded Anton Seidl as chief conductor at Prague. After two years as Nikisch's coadjutor at Leipzig, he began an important engagement at Pesth. From 1891 to 1897 he filled the chief conductor's place at Hamburg, and in the latter year was appointed *Hofcapellmeister* at the Vienna Opera succeeding Richter as conductor of the Philharmonic Concerts there. It was in 1892 that he made his first appearance in England, conducting a memorable series of German operas at Covent Garden. In the autumn of 1907, having resigned his Vienna appointment, he went to New York as chief conductor of the Metropolitan Opera House, and was re-engaged for the two following seasons.

ON THIS DAY

May 20 1911

In this obituary of Gustav Mahler his fame as a conductor does not go by default, but the author was less certain as to what would be thought of his symphonies in the future.

His work as a conductor was of great importance, being entirely free from exaggeration and in some ways more restrained, complete, and accomplished than that of any man save Richter; he made a considerable mark as a composer, mainly of symphonies, of which there exist no fewer than eight. He made various experiments in the way of extending the scope of the symphony, as, for example, when he introduced a soprano solo in the finale of the fourth and a choral finale in the eighth, which was produced in Vienna last autumn. Two of the symphonies, the first and fourth, have been played at Promenade Concerts and elsewhere in London; the operatic works of Mahler are few and unimportant. It is too early to guess at the place which his symphonic works will ultimately take, for while they are undoubtedly interesting in their union of modern orchestral richness with a melodic simplicity that often approached banality, they are obviously sincere in expression and original in design.

A correspondent writes:—

"The appointment of Herr Mahler to the directorship of the Vienna Imperial Opera closed the period of decadence associated with the names of Jahn and Richter. A strong personality, Mahler displayed a vigour approximating to ruthlessness. Any public personage who essays a policy of reform, be it political, economic, or musical, in the atmosphere of the Austrian capital exposes himself to the fate reserved for those who try 'to bustle the East' and Mahler's untimely death is in part an after effect of his constant and largely successful struggle against the semi-Oriental atmosphere of Vienna. His title to fame as Director rests mainly upon his introduction to Vienna of what is now regarded as the orthodox interpretation of Wagner's operas, and upon his resolute return to the spirit of Mozart . . .

THE TIMES TODAY

THURSDAY MAY 20 1993

NEWS

Guildford Four policemen freed

■ Three former detectives were cleared yesterday of charges of fabricating evidence during the trial 18 years ago of the Guildford Four, who promptly condemned the acquittals and said they had lost faith in British justice.

The freeing of Vernon Attwell, John Donaldson and Thomas Style cast a shadow over the Court of Appeal's decision in 1989 to free the Guildford Four.....**Pages 1, 3**

Major on EC collision course

■ John Major put himself on a collision course with EC countries yesterday by making it plain that the government regarded re-entry into the exchange-rate mechanism as a highly distant prospect. France called on Britain to rejoin, but Mr Major, in firm language, indicated there was no likelihood of this in present circumstances**Pages 1, 10, 12, 19**

Croat attack

Under the noses of the British UN force at Vitez, Croats launched a ferocious ethnic cleansing operation at dawn yesterday using mortars and heavy machine-guns against Muslim families.....**Pages 1, 11, 19**

Vitamin help

Two studies involving almost 40,000 men and more than 80,000 women, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, have shown that vitamin E pills taken as a supplement to the diet may cut by a third the risk of heart disease.....**Page 1**

Miscalculation

A rare 19th century mechanical calculator, which was expected to raise no more than £20,000 at auction, has been sold for nearly £8 million after unprecedented competitive bidding stunned Christie's staff.....**Page 1**

Tory secrets

The reforming Charter Movement, an influential group of Conservative party members, has condemned the secrecy surrounding dubious donations to party coffers and accused the chairman, Sir Norman Fowler, of being "economical with the truth" over funds.....**Page 2**

TV violence

Lord Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council, has said in the council's first monitoring report yesterday that satellite channels were showing too many films containing unjustifiable levels of violence and bad language. The report urged BSkyB to seek advice on timings and cuts **Page 4**

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The British Press Awards, the Oscars of British journalism, have chosen Simon Jenkins as columnist of the year and Anatole Kaletsky as specialist writer of the year.....**Page 2**

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John Smith has promised that a future Labour government would hold a referendum on the adoption of proportional representation.....**Pages 2, 19**

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Pubs were forced to close, beer prices rose, tenants were evicted and the choice to the consumer was restricted as a result of badly handled government attempts to break up the brewing industry, the Commons agriculture committee said yesterday.....**Page 6**

Clinton warned

The London-based International Institute of Strategic Studies, in its annual report, has warned President Clinton that his administration could fall into "drift and paralysis" unless it produced quick results.....**Page 13**

Swan job cuts

Swan Hunter, the troubled shipbuilders, could declare the first redundancies among its 2,200 workforce as early as tomorrow, the company's receivers, Price Waterhouse has warned. **Page 5**

Penniless Maxwell claims pension

■ Betty, the widow of the disgraced publisher Robert Maxwell who claims to have been left penniless, is demanding a £311,000 annual pension and back payments of more than £1 million from the Mirror Group Newspapers pension scheme, from which her husband stole hundreds of millions of pounds.....**Page 7**

SIMON WALKER



Bridal paths: dresses on view yesterday in the spring sunshine will feature in a weekend half-price wedding show at the London Hilton

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When fighting first broke out in the former Yugoslavia, there was talk of proper principles on which European and international security depended. These principles have been ground into Balkan dust because the West has not been prepared to use the power it commands.....**Page 19**

Send for the picadors

Though John Smith ought to be kicking at an open goal in his confrontations with John Major, he seems regularly to send the ball over the crossbar.....**Page 19**

You will, Jacques

An exhilarating drama has broken out in Paris over alleged misuse of some conversations in Jacques Attali's latest book, too accurately titled *Verbatim*.....**Page 19**

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

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PHILIP HOWARD

Some politicians have always had the gift to say it for themselves. The problem is that modern presidents and prime ministers have to make so many speeches that they do not have the time to write them all. Perhaps they should be more economical with their words, for their sakes as well as ours.....**Page 18**

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Women academics protest about discrimination in their promotion prospects.....**Page 19**

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Evening Standard



Jean Daddow, who wept for television after her husband was shot dead on their doorstep, has been jailed for 18 years for plotting his murder **Page 6**



Jacques Attali has denied that some unacknowledged passages in his new book have been taken from the work of a Nobel prize winner **Pages 12, 19**



Graeme Hick reached 1,000 runs in one-day internationals but England went down by four runs to Australia at Old Trafford yesterday **Page 44**

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Return of the figure

■ Is the modern art world turning back to figurative painting? Tony Bevan's new show at the Whitechapel reveals a compelling British talent

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,235

The Times Knockando Crossword Championship 1993 Eliminator Puzzle

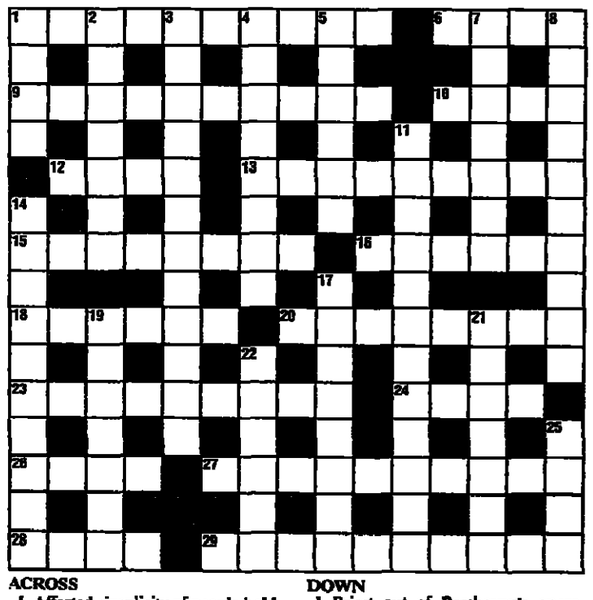
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ACROSS

1 Affected simplicity of people holding functions (10).
6 Gardens without nitrogen can be recognised (4).
9 Marks graves in France, for example (10).
10 Having similar properties to a monarch, almost (4).
12 King of Judah kept single and continent (4).
13 Prince of Seversk retains knight mainly to divert Fool (9).
15 Scours rifles (8).
16 It's more stifling using shutter (6).
18 Medieval sectarian takes purgative without twitching (6).
20 Sort of board where you find pawn confronting piece (8).
23 It's no act, getting into a state at night (9).
24 Pine for Sycorax losing her head (4).
26 One continually recurring fraction (4).
27 Eight are employed to maintain the Spanish tapestry (6-4).
28 Halfway house ? (4)
29 Do or die revolution, but in Rome it cleared the air (10).

DOWN

1 Priest out of Beethoven's opera dispersed the fog of war (4).
2 It gives consistency to a love affair (7).
3 Pandarus, alas, had to be disguised in Byron's drama (12).
4 Can put up with talking pictures, but finds fault (8).
5 Cutting cake out of a tin (6).
7 Superior granny upset simple chap out of "Oklahoma" (7).
8 It protects the traveller from snake on the mosquito net (10).
11 Grace gives publicity to every warbler (12).
14 Apes the governors of Rome (10).
17 Revered husband everyone was indebted to (8).
19 Brahe, nonetheless, is male by pure chance (7).
21 Brontes at the Old Forge (7).
22 Privileged admission to the course (6).
25 Went downhill rapidly — what a slip! (4)

All entrants who qualified for regional finals in Glasgow, Leeds, and Birmingham have been accepted for those finals. All regional finals will begin at 2pm, and the competitors may check in from 1pm. As there are more qualifiers for the Bristol and London A and B finals than can be accommodated, those who have been notified of their qualification are required to attempt this eliminator puzzle. Qualifiers are strongly urged to submit their attempts even if they cannot complete the puzzle, since entries with several omissions or mistakes are likely to be admitted. The solution will appear next Thursday and entrants will be individually informed of the result of the elimination within three weeks. The completed form and puzzle which must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope (9 inches x 4, please) should be sent to The Times Knockando Crossword Championship, Green Farm, Sawley, Ripon, N. Yorks, HG4 3EQ so that the envelope is postmarked not later than Wednesday, May 26. If you have a preference for either the A or the B London final, please indicate under Venue and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Solution to Puzzle No 19,234

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WEATHER

Thundery rain over southeast England early on will affect some central and other eastern parts of England by afternoon. The rain, locally heavy at times, will spread to northern England and southeast Scotland this evening. Wales, southwest England, Northern Ireland and much of Scotland will stay mostly dry, with sunny spells. Temperatures similar to recent days. Outlook: fine and settled in south and west, cloudy with rain in northeast.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	r	Madrid	16	61	f
Alicante	22	72	s	Majorca	21	70	f
Alex'dria	22	72	s	Malaga	21	70	s
Algiers	23	73	s	Malta	24	75	s
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Melb'rne	17	63	s
Athens	22	72	t	Miami*	29	84	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Milan	21	70	c
Bangkok	26	79	r	Montreal*	16	61	s
Barbados*	31	88	s	Moscow	21	70	s
Barcelna	17	63	t	Munich	24	75	s
Beirut	24	75	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Belgrade	26	79	f	Naples	24	75	s
Berlin	28	82	f	N York*	17	63	c
Bermuda*	24	75	s	Nice	17	63	r
Biarritz	13	55	c	Oslo	22	72	s
Borde'x	14	57	f	Paris	18	64	f
Brussels	17	63	s	Peking	29	84	s
Budapst	27	81	f	Perth	19	66	s
B Aires*	19	66	s	Prague	27	81	c
Cairo	29	84	s	Reykjavik	10	50	r
Cape Tn	17	63	c	Rhodes	21	70	s
Chicago*	18	64	c	Rio de J	25	77	s
Ch'church	9	48	r	Riyadh	39	102	s
Cologne	23	73	f	Rome	24	75	s
C'phagn	23	73	s	Salzburg	26	79	s
Corfu	23	73	s	S F'risco*	18	64	c
Dublin	11	52	c	Santiago*	20	68	f
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	Seoul	25	77	s
Faro	18	64	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Florence	24	75	s	Stockholm	23	73	s
Frankfurt	22	72	f	Straslb'rg	22	72	s
Funchal	17	63	f	Sydney	19	66	s
Geneva	20	68	s	Tangier	18	64	f
Gibraltar	20	68	s	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Helsinki	25	77	s	Tenerife	20	68	c
Innsbruck	28	79	f	Tokyo	25	77	s
Istanbul	19	66	s	Toronto*	12	54	c
Jeddah	36	97	f	Tunis	23	73	s
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Valencia	24	75	c
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Lisbon	16	61	f	Vienna	27	81	s
Locarno	20	68	c	Warsaw	25	77	f
London	16	61	f	Washton*	14	57	d
L.Angels*	20	68	s	Wel'nton	15	59	s
Luxembg	17	63	f	Zurich	23	73	f
Luxor	40	104	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6pm, 36 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 11.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,013.8 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Weybourne, Norfolk, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Far Isle, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Marham, Norfolk, 0.51in; highest sunshine: Ryde, Isle of Wight, 12.8hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.3hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.09in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.6hr.

SUNSHINE

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	11.0	0.21	16	61	sunny
Anglesey	11.9	0.05	14	57	sunny
Aviemore	11.5	0.04	14	57	sunny
Belfast	5.9	0.11	14	57	bright
Birmingham	9.9	0.04	17	63	sunny
Bournemouth	12.3	-	16	61	sunny
Bristol	10.0	0.19	16	61	sunny
Buxton	9.4	0.16	15	59	sunny
Cardiff	6.8	0.24	14	57	shower
Clacton	6.5	0.04	15	59	sunny
Cromer	9.1	0.09	17	63	sunny
Eastbourne	10.4	0.07	15	59	sunny
Edinburgh	10.0	0.05	15	59	sunny
Eskdalemuir	9.0	0.13	12	54	sunny
Exmouth	8.5	0.07	13	55	sunny
Falmouth	6.3	-	13	55	bright
Glasgow	7.5	0.07	15	59	sunny
Guernsey	7.0	0.13	18	66	sunny
Hastings	9.5	0.06	15	59	sunny
Hunstanton	10.1	0.46	15	59	sunny
Isle of Man	11.0	0.13	13	55	sunny
Jersey	10.7	-	18	64	sunny
Kinloss	12.0	0.04	16	61	sunny
Leeds	11.5	0.05	18	64	sunny
Lerwick	6.6	0.14	11	52	shower
Littlehampton	11.6	-	15	59	sunny
Liverpool	8.6	0.01	14	57	shower
London	11.5	0.28	19	66	sunny
Lowestoft	5.9	0.09	x	x	sunny
Manchester	10.4	0.05	16	61	sunny
Margate	7.1	0.01	17	63	sunny
Minehead	6.2	0.19	15	59	shower
Morecambe	7.4	0.05	15	59	sunny
Newcastle	11.0	0.17	17	63	sunny
Penzance	7.9	0.02	15	59	sunny
Plymouth	7.8	0.13	14	57	sunny
Poole	11.8	0.13	17	63	sunny
Salcombe	9.4	0.02	14	57	sunny
Staunton Snd	5.4	0.03	14	57	bright
Scilly Isles	10.8	-	16	59	sunny
Southsea	11.8	-	15	59	sunny
Stornoway	9.0	0.06	12	54	shower
Swanage	12.3	0.05	15	59	sunny
Teignmouth	9.3	0.05	14	57	sunny
Tenby	11.3	0.04	13	55	sunny
Tiree	5.6	0.09	12	54	shower
Torquay	8.8	0.04	16	61	sunny
Weymouth	8.3	0.11	14	57	sunny
Wick	10.0	0.06	14	57	sunny

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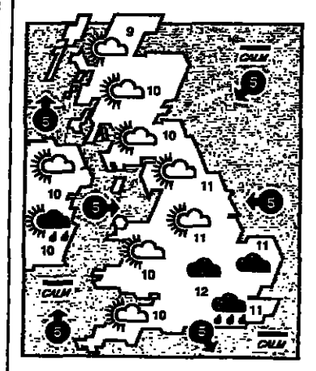
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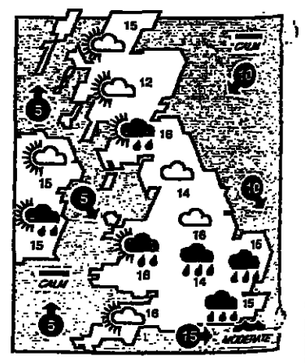
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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.58 pm to 5.02 am
Bristol 9.03 pm to 5.12 am
Edinburgh 9.28 pm to 4.52 am
Manchester 9.11 pm to 5.01 am
Penzance 9.09 pm to 5.29 am

Sun rises: 5.02 am
Sun sets: 8.53 pm
Moon sets: 8.03 pm
Moon rises 4.10 am

New moon tomorrow

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

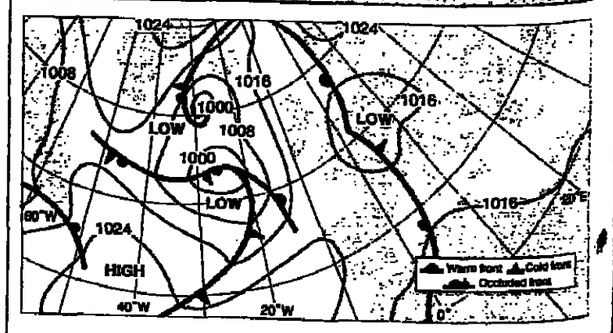
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B'rmgham	15	59	c	Inverness	11	52	f
Blackpool	15	59	f	Jersey	14	57	f
Bristol	12	54	f	London	18	61	f
Cardiff	14	57	f	M'nchster	14	57	c
Edinburgh	10	50	f	Newcastle	13	55	f
Glasgow	11	52	r	R'mideway	9	48	c

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.43	6.5	2.7	6.7	Liverpool	11.19	8.7	11.37	8.8
Aberdeen	1.24	3.8	1.32	3.8	Lowestoft	9.48	2.3	9.45	2.2
Avonmouth	7.12	11.9	7.31	12.1	Margate			12.16	4.5
Belfast	11.7	3.0	11.28	3.2	Milford Haven	6.16	6.3	6.33	6.4
Cardiff	6.57	11.1	7.16	11.3	Newquay	5.8	6.3	5.24	6.4
Devonport	5.44	5.0	6.7	5.1	Oban	5.52	3.6	6.2	3.6
Dover	11.4	6.0	11.19	6.2	Penzance	4.44	5.1	5.6	5.2
Falmouth	5.14	4.8	5.37	4.9	Portland	6.40	1.8	7.5	1.9
Glasgow	12.52	4.2	1.21	4.1	Portsmouth	11.25	4.3	11.41	4.5
Harwich			12.1	3.8	Shoreham	11.19	5.8	11.34	5.8
Holyhead	10.24	5.1	10.45	5.2	Southampton	11.4	4.2	11.19	4.3
Hull	6.25	6.8	6.37	6.9	Swansea	6.25	8.6	6.40	8.8
Ilfracombe	5.59	8.3	6.18	8.5	Tees	3.37	4.9	3.50	5.0
King's Lynn	6.35	5.9	6.46	5.9	W'ton-on-Nze	11.57	4.0		
Leith	2.33	5.0	2.44	5.0					

NOON TODAY



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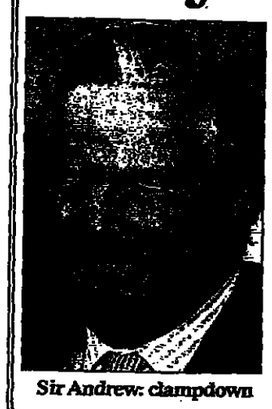
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THURSDAY MAY 20 1993

City claims brokers' lunches are alive and well



Sir Andrew: clampdown

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

CITY advisers are calling for urgent clarification and guidelines from the Stock Exchange on how it is interpreting its rulebook over what constitutes price-sensitive information. But the exchange says it will stand by the existing rules in the so-called yellow book "because we believe it is clear".

The exchange's reaction, however, will perpetuate the time-honoured system of City nods and winks in which the traditional brokers' lunch, the cause of much debate in the past few days, looks to have a healthy future.

The furore follows the public censure of LIG for briefing a select group of analysts and institutions, the confirmation of investigations of apparent leaks at British Airways and Allied-Lyons of rights issues, and an insider dealing case in which an analyst and a director were in dispute over whether inside information was imparted. Such advisers are reluctant to talk openly.

"The exchange has got to come up with guidelines on what is price sensitive," one leading public relations adviser said. A long standing corporate affairs director said: "How can the exchange single out just one company for what is plainly common practice?"

Another said: "The LIG censure is hindering the effective working of the market, there is absolutely no way analysts can guess the figures they require without help. Companies cannot issue a statement every single time something changes. Your share price can move in line with a sector on the back of someone else's announcement.

"The adjustment has to be done more subtly. The yellow book is not clear, the guidelines are grey. What will happen is that we will all leave off for a while. But the present system is the only effective way of making the market aware of where we are, it is the only way it is feasible way to do it. The Stock Exchange will not delist us all, what else can it do?"

After an emergency meeting this week, one top firm of City advisers has decided on a policy of making an immediate announcement if it thinks profits will be more than 10 per cent different from the existing range of stockbrokers' forecasts. If the difference is less than 10 per cent, it will recommend that the company encourages analysts to adjust their forecasts.

The Stock Exchange's rules call for directors to make an announcement if a board could reasonably expect the developments would affect market activity or price.

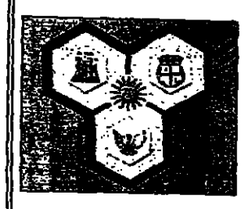
The rules also demand strict security until a decision is reached and announced.

Backing up the yellow book are the possibility of private censure, public censure, suspension of the shares and delisting. It is believed the exchange, chaired by Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, will adopt a policy of occasional public censure to keep the City on its toes.

When a company has dramatic news, either good or bad, it is the custom to inform its leading shareholders by making them "insiders" to the knowledge preventing them from trading in the shares until the knowledge is public. But practitioners are finding problems with this rule too. It is now the custom to ask an institution if it wants to be made an insider. The fund manager customarily asks if it is good or bad before agreeing to become an insider. If it is bad, he may refuse. To become an insider would prevent him selling the shares.

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Disgruntled Sun Alliance shareholders demanded to know why a £500,000 loan had been made to a former chairman
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Anatole Kalersky calls on George Soros to break the link between the mark and the franc and save Europe from monetary union
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GOLD ACCORD



RTZ and Papua New Guinea defused their dispute over the Lihir gold project, as the price of the metal hit a 28-month high
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German mark .. 2.4992 (+0.0140)
Exchange index ..... 80.5 (+0.3)
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FT-SE 100 ..... 2819.7 (-27.6)
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Fall in retail sales cools recovery joy

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

HIGH street sales dipped in April, suggesting that recent euphoria about a sustained consumer recovery may have been overdone.

Although the underlying trend in retail sales remains healthy, the fall in April, together with recent figures showing a small decline in manufacturing output in March after two months of robust growth, suggests that the recovery will be neither swift nor dramatic.

The Central Statistical Office said retail sales dropped by 0.3 per cent in April and revised the rise in March down from 0.5 per cent to 0.2 per cent.

Gerard Lyons, economist with DKB International, said: "These figures show that we shouldn't get carried away about the pace of the recovery. I think we are in for below-trend growth and it only takes a bad unemployment number to dent consumer confidence again." He added, however, that the underlying trend in retail sales remains positive.

The CSO noted retail sales in the past three months were 1.4 per cent up on the previous three months and 2.4 per cent higher than a year ago. The CSO believes manufacturing is growing at an annual rate of around 4 per cent.

The Retail Consortium was unperturbed by yesterday's figures and said there had still been four months of increasing sales in both value and volume terms, which provided a solid base for the recovery. Figures from HP Information suggested there is robust demand for cars.

The Society of Business Economists says in a report today that a modest economic upturn has started and will slowly gather momentum into 1994. Growth will remain subdued, however, with the society forecasting 1.5 per cent this year, 2.5 per cent in 1994 and only 2.3 per cent in 1995.

David Kern, chairman of the society's forecasting group and chief economist at National Westminster Bank, said: "Consumer spending, although an important factor in the recovery, will show only modest growth over the next three years, reflecting sluggish increases in real incomes, the need for fiscal tightness and only modest further declines in the savings ratio."

There was a public sector borrowing requirement of £4.7 billion in April, although without privatisation proceeds the PSBR would have been £6.1 billion in the month. The CSO revised up the PSBR for fiscal 1992-3 by £200 million to £36.7 billion.

Sterling rallied to end at 80.5 on its trade-weighted index after 80.2 late on Tuesday. Shares reacted badly to the fall in retail sales and a batch of poor company results, leaving the FT-SE 100 index 27.6 lower at 2,819.7.

Speculation that the Bundesbank would celebrate the Danish vote on Maastricht with a small cut in its discount rate proved unfounded. The Bundesbank left official rates unchanged because of concern about heavy state borrowing.

Denmark cut its discount and key deposit rate by one point to 8.25 per cent. There were also small rate cuts in Belgium, The Netherlands and Sweden.

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JOHN MANNING



Burning issue: Richard Budge, the chief executive of RJB Mining, brought coal to Barclays de Zoete Wedd, his broker, yesterday, ahead of the June 7 stock market debut of the opencast and underground coal group. The £50 million placing and offer of 20 million shares, at 250p each, capitalise RJB at £103 million. Applications will close on May 27.

Bid made for Leyland parts

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A FOUR-STRONG management team at the Leyland DAF parts operation in Chorley, Lancashire, last night tabled a formal bid for the business. The bid is estimated to be worth more than £100 million.

The offer for the most profitable arm of the crashed Leyland DAF truck company will save the jobs of 340 workers and provide a secure source of spares for operators of more than half a million Leyland DAF lorries and vans worldwide.

However, the team will face at least one rival bid for the business. Ian McKinnon, a former Leyland DAF director, has offered to buy the parts warehouse along with the lorry assembly operations in Leyland, Lancashire.

Unipart Group, the independent parts distributor, which handles Rover cars spares, is also expected to bid for the 26-acre Chorley site. A spokeswoman said: "We have received information and we are involved in discussions."

David Little, the operations director who heads the buy-out team, said the managers had tabled a "full and realistic" offer for the business, based on a long-term business plan. The management bid is backed by the workforce. Tony Sturgess, works convenor for the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said: "We have worked with them and know they represent the best option for a future of the business on this site."

More than £20 million has been invested in the Chorley facilities in the past few years to create one of the most modern warehouses of its kind in Europe. Sales of spares last year amounted to £140 million and the business is believed to be highly profitable.

Americans join inflation gold rush



IRWIN STELZER

America's most important banker, politician, economist and one of its top industrialists all agree: inflation is not high on their list of worries. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, told the Economic Club of New York: "It is difficult to envision inflation pressures intensifying ..." President Clinton sees "no reason at this time to believe that there could be any cause for resurgent inflation". Laura Tyson, who chairs the president's Council of Economic Advisers, says: "The underlying fundamentals don't suggest inflation." John Welch, General Electric chief executive, sees "no sign of inflation anywhere".

Well, hardly anywhere. Steel and cement prices are up. So are car prices. The consumer price index, which rose less than 3 per cent last year, has been advancing at a surprising 4.3 per cent annual rate in 1993. The Bureau of Labour Statistics reports that each main group — food, energy and all other items — contributed to this acceleration.

Wholesale prices are rising even faster, at close to 5 per cent annually, the most for almost three years. One television financial news programme has even set up an "inflation watch".

Looking only at traditional basics, an economist would have to come down on the side of the Fed chairman, Mr Clinton, his economist and Mr Welch, and discount the possibility that inflation will take off. Excess capacity in most industries has manufacturers chasing customers who want to switch from existing suppliers rather than pay higher prices. The money supply shows no sign of expanding. International competition remains keen, adding to pressures on American companies to hold the line on costs and prices. Wage settlements are moderate and manufacturing productivity continues to rise at a rapid 5 per cent. This is keeping unit labour costs on a non-inflationary trajectory.

So it is not the usual basics that have investors and policy-makers worried. Rather, it is a combination of anecdotal evidence and fear that government policy is set on an inflationary course. Businessmen see that steel prices have risen 15 per cent. Ordinary consumers see car prices rising steadily. And both price jumps are a direct result of Mr Clinton's policies. Steel prices are up because domestic producers have been given greater protection from imports. And domestic car manufacturers can charge more because the declining dollar, talked down by Mr Clinton and Lloyd Bentsen, the treasury secretary, has driven up the cost of Japanese models.

So much for anecdotal evidence. Add a dawning realisation that Mr Clinton's programme to rein in the federal deficit is in tatters. The belief that Mr Clinton would rely more on spending cuts than on tax increases to bring the budget into balance has withered. In its place is a gnawing fear that he will abandon any spending cuts that meet the slightest political opposition, as he did when a handful of Western senators persuaded him not to reduce federal subsidies to cattle-raisers and miners, and that his new programmes will prove extraordinarily costly. The most notable of these is the soon-to-be unveiled health care plan, with a rumoured annual price tag of $100 billion to $150 billion, to be financed by a 7 per cent payroll tax that employers say will drive their costs up, and force them to raise prices, as will the host of other regulations now feeding through into the system. Construction companies complain of new or tightened safety regulation, small firms of mounting paperwork requirements.

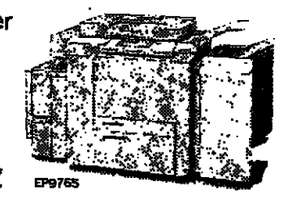
Businesses worry, too, about the administration's efforts to resuscitate the trade union movement. Mr Clinton has declared air traffic controllers who were fired by Ronald Reagan for illegally striking to be eligible for re-employment. Robert Reich, the labour secretary, is pressing for legislation making it illegal to replace strikers with permanent employees. Regulations requiring that workers be notified of their right not to join unions have been rescinded.

In short, the traditional basic economic factors may be flashing a "no inflation" sign. But fewer and fewer believe that those basic factors will dictate the future course of inflation. They think that Mr Clinton's policies will. So they buy gold. And look for higher interest rates. And worry.

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CU keeps to trend on profits

BY SARAH BAGNALL
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REINFORCING recent upbeat statements from rival insurers, Commercial Union, the strongest of the UK composites, heralded a brighter future as it reported improved first-quarter results.

But the shares fell 3p to 574p in a falling stock market on the news that the group had made a £16.2 million pre-tax profit in the three months to end-March, compared with a £19.2 million loss last time.

The results were in line with City expectations, though some analysts had recently upgraded forecasts in the hope that CU would follow in General Accident's steps with better-than-expected profits. Last week, GA suprised the City with first-quarter profits of £41.9 million.

Tony Brend, chief executive, said life profits were £2.8 million up at £29.8 million with "an increase in profits from a number of territories".

Worldwide, Commercial Union, which raised £428 million via a February rights issue, reported an underlying rise in general insurance premiums of 14 per cent to £1.1 billion and a 1 per cent rise in life premiums to £518.5 million, excluding the impact of exchange rate movements.

In the UK, CU has raised market share in the general insurance market "on a selective basis", said Peter Foster, general manager. General insurance premiums rose 23 per cent to £463.2 million.

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SAS acquisition by Compass signals offensive in Europe

BY CARL MORTISHED

COMPASS, the catering and healthcare group, is paying £63 million for the airport and contract catering businesses of SAS Service Partners in a bid to break into European markets. At the same time, Compass is raising £87 million in a rights issue, which will fund the initial payment of £42 million and reduce the company's borrowings.

Francis Mackay, chief executive, said the acquisition would establish Compass as market leader in airport catering in northern Europe and would add to the group's portfolio of brands. He described the SAS businesses as "cash-generative, with low capital expenditure".

Compass is issuing 21.5 million ordinary shares at 420p on the basis of six for every 19 held. There is an interim dividend of 4.44p (4.19) and the company forecasts a final of 8.56p, to be paid on the enlarged share capital.

SAS Service, which is part of the Scandinavian airline group, runs airport restaurants in eight countries; its contract catering side runs company restaurants and hospital catering in Scandinavia, the UK and Germany. Profit for 1992 — adjusted to exclude one-off profits and central costs — was £9 million, on turnover of £187 million. Compass turned down the opportunity to acquire the SAS airline catering businesses because of fears over cost cutting and increased competition.

Mr Mackay said that Compass would get franchises for Burger King and Harry Ramsden's fish and chips, which it hoped to develop further. SAS Service is the main contract catering operator in northern Europe. Germany, where Compass wants to expand, is reckoned by analysts to be the least developed market.

The SAS businesses will have £8.5 million of net cash at completion, reducing the total purchase price, including deferred consideration, of £72 million. Roger Matthews, finance director, said Compass was not taking on the substantial central overhead, bringing the underlying price/earnings ratio of the acquisition down to ten.

Compass's like-for-like growth was slow in the six months to March 28, owing to recession and about £1 million of investment costs. Pre-tax profit was up 7 per cent to £18.2 million and earnings per share rose by the same percentage, to 18p. Turnover increased from £176 million to £209 million, boosted by catering acquisitions. Healthcare profits rose by 6.3 per cent, to £6.7 million. SAS is Compass's third acquisition in just over six months.

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TIM BISHOP



Out in front: Francis Mackay says the deal will give Compass leadership in airport catering in northern Europe

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Property lending falls by record £1.5bn

BANK of England lending figures show a drop of £1.5 billion in property lending for the four months to end-March, the largest fall on record. Total lending to the property sector fell from £37.9 billion in November to £36.8 billion in March, with a decline of 4.7 per cent year-on-year.

Rupert Clarke, managing director of Jones Lang Wootton Finance, said the figures reflected continuing writedowns by banks as well as property acquisitions from overseas buyers that are not borrowing in the UK. The largest fall in lending is by American banks, whose exposure is down 18 per cent to £1.3 billion. The UK clearing banks raised lending by £800 million but this is believed to be a result of loan transfer. Their exposure has been cut by more than £1 billion

Acatos advances

ACATOS & Hutcheson, the edible oils manufacturer, increased pre-tax profits 21 per cent to £5.1 million in the six months to March 28, thanks to a £400,000 reduction in the interest charge and lower production costs. Earnings per share rose 15 per cent to 10.4p and the interim dividend is up from 2.5p to 3p. Acatos shares rose 15 per cent last week after CONA, a French quoted company, sold its 16.7 per cent stake. The company believes the shares were placed with a number of different buyers.

Chamberlin progress

CHAMBERLIN and Hill, the foundries-to-electrical components company, announced full-year taxable profits to end-March of £1.6 million (£1.4 million) on sales of £20.26 million (£19.01 million). "The increase in turnover was wholly attributable to exports, for which the prospects are good," the company said. Earnings rose to 16.07p from 15.28p a share, and a final dividend of 4.50p gives a total of 6.25p (6p). Chamberlin said a first-half trading improvement was not sustained.

Gates in reverse

FRANK G. GATES, the Ford dealer based in East London, announced a fall in pre-tax profits to £886,000 for 1992, after £1.3 million in 1991, as a result of greater interest charges — £559,000, against £163,000. Earnings fell to 3.65p (4.85p) a share. The interim dividend is held at 2.25p. The group said the first quarter of 1993 had shown "a considerable improvement" on the same period last year, due largely to its expanding contract hire and daily hire, but it was too early to say if this would be sustained.

Leeds Group advances

LEEDS Group, the textile dyeing and printing group that recently made its first foray into mainland Europe with two Dutch textile acquisitions, announced pre-tax profits of £2.9 million, a 16 per cent rise, for the six months to end-March. Earnings jumped 14 per cent to 10.80p a share from 9.50p, and the interim dividend rises 18 per cent to 2.75p. Robert Wade, chairman, right, said the improved profits resulted from higher volumes and greater productivity despite a fire last November at the group's Walsden printing plant.



Baris cuts its losses

BARIS Holdings, the fire protection and insulation group, cut pre-tax losses to £351,000 (£948,000 loss) in the 12 months to February 28. At the operating level, the group made a £26,000 profit (£799,000 loss), but increased interest charges of £377,000 pushed the group into the red. Turnover slipped from £23.2 million to £20.6 million. Orders are currently £9 million against £14 million last year. Baris says it hopes to increase work in Germany following reunification. There is no dividend (2p).

Directors of Willis companies lent £1.2m

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

SEVERAL directors of Willis Corroon subsidiary companies were lent a total of £1.2 million to help meet insurance losses and relocation costs, Britain's biggest insurance broker announced yesterday.

About half of the loans, most of which were interest-free and made during 1991 and 1992, went to people "who were relocating and the other half went to people with particular problems with Lloyd's results", a Willis spokesman said.

The group has lent money in previous years, and to other employees. However, there are no requirements to disclose loans made to non-directors. Willis reported better than expected first-quarter results. Pre-tax profits for the three months to March 31 rose 12 per cent to £47.1 million, including a £2.7 million loss for the discontinued UK underwriting operations.

On an underlying basis, excluding the effects of exchange rate movements and non-recurring items, brokerage and fee revenue grew by 2 per cent and operating expenses fell by 2 per cent.

Exchange rate movements added £2.2 million to profits. Earnings per share for the continuing operations advanced to 7.5p from 6.7p.

Lease group pursues bank role

BY OUR CITY STAFF

WOODCHESTER Investments, the leasing group, is seeking a partner to develop a significant retail banking presence in the Irish market. "We are currently reviewing opportunities for entering the retail banking sector, Craig McKinney, group chairman, said at its annual meeting.

He said it wished to develop a retail banking business in parallel with its existing finance-house business. Woodchester is the leading finance house in the Irish market.

Prospects for Woodchester had improved with the stabilisation of currency markets, said Mr McKinney. The Irish currency crisis, which saw short-term interest rates rise to 100 per cent, cost Ir£2.7 million (£2.6 million) in the last quarter of 1992.

He said: "Given the rapid fall in interest rates, stabilisation of the currency markets and the more optimistic outlook for the UK, the outlook for both our trading markets is very positive."

Woodchester, a quoted subsidiary of Credit Lyonnais, is involved in leasing in Ireland, Britain and continental Europe. It had assets of Ir£1.4 billion at the end of last year.



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Shares slump as discounting drains £38m off interim profits at Bass

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

■ Chronic overcapacity in the brewing industry has prompted big discounts for pub operators but drinkers are unlikely to enjoy cheaper beer at the bar

BRITAIN'S biggest brewers are seeing their profits savaged by a price war that is allowing independent public house operators to wrest discounts of 50 per cent or more from some beermakers.

Bass, the country's largest brewer, became the third company in as many days to show the damage done to brewers' profits by discounting. In the six months to April 10, pre-tax profits at Bass fell by £38 million to £228 million, far worse than City analysts had expected. Despite an interim dividend of 5.45p (5.25p), the shares slumped 50p to 483p, dragging other brewing shares down with them.

Ian Prosser, chairman and chief executive of Bass, conceded that "the financial outturn falls short of some expectations". He said the downturn on the Continent had badly hit Bass's Holiday Inn hotel chain, reducing profits by £8 million compared to those of the same period last year. The brewing division had had to increase provisions by £9 million to cover bad debts, while incurring an additional £4.9 million of restructuring costs.

This week, Whitbread and Allied-Lyons had blamed discounting by other brewers for erosion on margins and admitted that they too had had to discount to maintain their market shares.

Bass said yesterday that it was keeping the discount it is having to offer to public house operators below that on offer from competitors. "Bass isn't leading the discounting in the industry, but it's responding where necessary," said Philip Bowman, the finance director.

Bass refuses to use the term "price war" in public, although in private executives accept this is what is happening. But Tony Portno, head of brewing, said there was "an increased level of aggression in terms of pricing". At the heart of the price war is the continuing chronic overcapacity in the brewing industry, which is probably operating at about 80 per cent of ideal capacity. Allied-Lyons on Tuesday said that to remove the overcapacity, each of the half a dozen biggest brewers would have to close one brewery, although a more likely outcome is that weaker, smaller regional companies will be forced out of the race.

The big brewers privately point to Courage, owned by Fosters Brewing of Australia, as the leader in the discount wars, which some industry observers say has seen £70 or more cut off the price of a £150 barrel. Two important supply deals that Courage has signed up run out next year and in 1998, and the other brewers claim the company is trying to buy future market share at the expense of margin.

Courage denies it is leading the price-cutting. "We're not charging silly prices, and we've no intention of giving silly discounts," said a spokesman. "We don't see ourselves as being in a discount war."

Although the recession has clearly served to hold down the price of a pint, industry observers say the customer is unlikely to be the main beneficiary from any price war. The clearest winners are the rash of independent operators that sprang up as the big brewers sold off chunks of their tied estate under the government's beer orders.

□ Allied-Lyons has announced its long-awaited £200 million convertible bonds issue to cut debt and fund further expansion. The guaranteed convertible subordinated bonds are due 2008 and carry a coupon of 6¾ per cent a year.

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MICHAEL POWELL



Follower in price war: Ian Prosser, of Bass, which says it is not the lead discounter

America's trade gap soars to four-year high

From Wolfgang Münchau in Washington

AMERICA'S trade deficit soared to its highest monthly rate for four years in March, raising fears of a further hardening in US trade policy and about the state of the US economy in general.

The merchandise trade deficit went from $7.9 billion in February to $10.2 billion in March, far worse than predicted by forecasters, who now speak of a return to annual trade deficits of more than $100 billion. Japan accounts for more than half of the March deficit, a fact that is almost certain to be exploited by the Clinton administration in trade negotiations.

Ron Brown, commerce secretary, said the imbalance had to be corrected "using the three tools at our disposal: prompt fiscal stimulus in Japan, market-driven exchange rate corrections and negotiations that remove the structural barriers to improved trade between our nations".

Mr Brown's comment reflected the US view that Japan should stimulate its economy beyond a $117 billion programme announced last month, that the yen's appreciation against the dollar has further to go, and that Japan must carry through structural reforms to improve foreign companies' market access. The dollar slid beneath 110 yen but later recovered to 111, on unconfirmed talk of official support for the dollar.

President Clinton has frequently addressed the question of America's trade deficit with Japan, and promised action to restore balance. Earlier this week, Japan reported that its trade surplus rose to $10.25 billion in April.

The country with the second largest trade surplus with America — $1.46 billion — is China. China's most-favoured nation status is up for renewal in a few weeks, and the deficit, combined with American outrage about human rights abuses and arms proliferation, could lead the Clinton administration to impose conditions.

The March trade deficit is the result of a 9.7 per cent rise in imports, topped by imports of foreign oil and motor cars, compared with a 5.6 per cent rise in US exports. There are fears that the continued imbalances and the sluggishness of Japan's and Europe's economies could further hamper the US economy this year. Some forecasters are revising downward the latest commerce department provisional forecasts for first-quarter growth of 1.8 per cent.

Sun Alliance board pressed on libel loan

By A Correspondent

HENRY Lambert, soon-to-retire chairman of Sun Alliance, was given a stormy farewell yesterday when a row over a £500,000 loan to Lord Aldington, ex-chairman, to fund a libel action boiled over again at the annual meeting.

Mr Lambert was pressed by shareholders over details of the loan, which paid for Lord Aldington's 1989 action against Count Tolstoy, and they interrupted a farewell tribute to him from his successor Sir Christopher Benson.

They asked when the money would be repaid and why it had not been disclosed in accounts. They also accused Mr Lambert of helping out a friend at the expense of the company. To add to his discomfort, the company was attacked over delays in paying out claims to policy-holders.

Mr Lambert defended the loan and said the board had been kept fully informed. "People talk as if it is my decision because I happen to know Lord Aldington well, but it is a board decision," he said. "It is the sort of thing we would have done for any employee who got into difficulties because of his duties."

Lord Aldington's court case arose out of false allegations that, as a brigadier in the British Army at the end of the second world war, he sent 70,000 Cossacks and Yugoslavs to their deaths at the hands of communists.

The defendants were Count Tolstoy and Mr Nigel Watts, who was also in dispute with Sun Alliance over a fatal accident claim. Count Tolstoy was at the annual meeting and joined the attack against Mr Lambert.

Mr Lambert said the company did not have to account for every transaction and it was waiting for the case to be resolved. He conceded that the company might have to write off the loan.

Sun Alliance was also criticised about delays in paying claims, with one shareholder saying its reputation was suffering. However, the company argued that out of 5,000 disputes it went to court in 204 cases and won 87 per cent of them, above the industry average of 60 per cent.

Lloyd's 'fitter than most UK insurers'

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

LLOYD'S of London is in a fitter financial state than the average US or British insurer, according to UBS, the broker.

A report into the relative profitability and financial position of Lloyd's, commissioned by the Corporation of Lloyd's, asserts that while Lloyd's faces a crisis in confidence, in reality, it is a crisis of the whole insurance industry.

The UBS analysis, by Chris Hitchings, insurance analyst, who compiled a similar report last year, says Lloyd's "is not alone in performing poorly." And the billions of pounds of losses are not, as underwriters say, due to a "mysterious rise in natural catastrophes or a sudden tendancy for US courts to award high damages" but "result largely from underwriters cutting prices".

Adjusting profits to compare Lloyd's and the insurance companies shows on average in 31 of the past 40 reported years Lloyd's has produced higher profit margins than either UK or US insurers.

UK foundry triumphs in Brussels

From Tom Walker
in Brussels

A SHEFFIELD foundry has proven the European Commission's monitoring of state aids to be slipshod, encouraging small businesses to make Brussels reopen investigations into unfairly subsidised competition from abroad.

In a judgment in favour of the little man yesterday, the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg agreed with William Cook plc of Sheffield that the commission should never have allowed a rival Spanish foundry to receive £4 million in state aid.

The judgment, a huge embarrassment to the commission, could open the way for many other companies to try to force foreign rivals into repaying state aid.

"We want to see the new foundry they [Piezas y Rodajes] built shut down and the money repaid," said Andrew Cook, chairman of the company, which is Europe's largest producer of steel castings.

DLR chief asked to head Canary

By Carl Mortished

CANARY Wharf's bankers have asked Sir Peter Levene, chairman of the Docklands Light Railway, to head the new Canary Wharf company when it comes out of administration, expected to be later this year.

Sources close to the administrators say that Sir Peter, who has not yet accepted the offer, is not an obvious choice as he does not have property expertise. However, he has an insider's view of the development, having been brought in to run the troubled railway two years ago. He is deputy chairman of Wasserstein Perella, the small American investment bank.

Sir Peter was chairman of United Scientific Holdings, the arms manufacturer, in 1985, when Michael Heseltine appointed him chief of defence procurement. He left to take on the Docklands Light Railway in 1991, and, in April last year, was appointed adviser on efficiency to the prime minister.

Saatchi to raise £73m with issue

By our Deputy City Editor

SAATCHI & Saatchi, the debt-plagued advertising group, launched a £73 million rights issue to repay some debts and fund investment, including the purchase of minority interests in continental European subsidiaries.

A rights issue had been forecast since Saatchi's financial restructuring in March 1991, and the market took the issue in its stride. The shares, after an initial plunge, ended 2p lower at 170p.

The company has forecast a return to the dividend list for the year ending December 1994, although this will need the agreement of the company's banks under the provisions of its lending agreements. The rights issue was at 130p, on a ten for 27 basis. Of the money raised, £36.5 million will repay debts; £19 million will go towards buying out the minority interests in Saatchi's Italian, German and Spanish interests; £10.5 million will be invested, for example, at the Zenith media services business and CME-KHBB, the group's third advertising network, and £7 million will be invested in new technology.

Charles Scott, chief executive since he took over from Robert Louis-Dreyfus on April 1, said borrowings were £194 million at the 1992 year end, but with the proceeds of the rights, they should be cut to £150 million or £155 million by the end of this year.

Mr Scott said the investment that would stem from the rights would be "cautious expansion". He added: "Our clients are looking to expand — now is the right time to invest in the business." He hoped that Saatchi was becoming a "normal" company.

Saatchi has also agreed with its banks further changes to its borrowing covenants, including the deferral until 1996 of repayments totalling £50 million that were due this year and next. Mr Scott said bank facilities were not being reduced at the same rate as debt, to allow the group leeway in its borrowing.



Scott: reducing debt

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Germany suffers second steel setback

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

GERMANY has suffered its second big steel casualty in six months, this time at the hands of Usinor-Sacilor, France's state-owned steel group, which has made Saarstahl, its German unit, file for bankruptcy.

The troubles blighting the European steel industry claimed its first victim in December, when Klöckner-Werke, the Ruhr firm that produces about 10 per cent of German steel, was forced to seek court protection from its creditors.

Usinor controls Saarstahl, the most heavily subsidised of Germany's steelmakers, through its 70 per cent ownership of the loss-making DHS, which groups Saarstahl, a rod, bar and wiremaker, and the sheet steel producer Dillinger Hütte. The regional state of Saarland owns 27.5 per cent.

Oskar Lafontaine, Saarland's left-wing Social Democrat prime minister, has pledged to take all possible steps to help Saarstahl maintain production. The company, which produced 2.2 million tonnes of steel last year, had planned to reduce its workforce 2,700 to 4,500.

Roland de Bonneville, outgoing management board chairman of DHS, told the Saarland press that DHS, which is losing DM30 million a month, might seek court protection from its creditors under Germany's equivalent of America's chapter 11 proceedings.

The decision to seek direct bankruptcy for Saarstahl prompted cries of protest from rival steel firms, fearful that a debt-free Saarstahl under new ownership will undercut the market just as the loss-making industry is trying to restore prices. The German steel industry is embittered by the fact that Francis Mer, the Usinor president, is chairman of the European steel industry association Eurofer, which is supposed to be ensure fair competition.

It appears that Usinor, under pressure from the new centre-right government in France to reduce public spending, has decided to cut its losses in Germany to safeguard French jobs. Usinor loaned Saarstahl Fr1.4 billion, on top of the DM3 billion Saarstahl received in state aid from 1978 to 1988.

The German steel industry is concerned that the Saarstahl move will endanger the current attempts at reducing steel capacity across Europe. Klöckner has secured approval to go ahead with its debt restructuring, but has still to iron out differences with Brussels over capacity cuts.

Robert Hubry, the Usinor finance director, said that Saarstahl faced estimated losses between Fr1.3 billion and Fr1.5 billion this year.

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NEW HORIZONS IN COMFORT

Job losses account for GKN downturn

Trading results at GKN, the automotive components group, were down on last year's in the first four months of 1993. Sir David Lees, chairman, told the annual meeting demand had improved in some UK businesses, but the downturn in continental Europe had been worse than expected.

Sir David said the results were "marginally behind those of last year", but the shortfall was accounted for by higher redundancy costs.

Refinery stake

A consortium led by the London-based Saudi Arabian International Bank will invest $3 billion in an oil refinery near Gijon, in Spain's Asturias region. The Saudi group is to take 61 per cent of Petroleos de Asturias, which will have an initial capacity of 180,000 barrels per day.

Young slips

Pre-tax profits at Young & Co's Brewery, in south-west London, fell to £5.17 million in the year to March 27, from £5.59 million last time. The group is maintaining last year's total payout of 14.5p, with a 7.5p final.

Brick in a fall

Pre-tax profits at Baggeridge Brick fell from £761,000 to £383,000 in the six months to March 31, despite a rise in turnover from £11.8 million to £13.1 million. Baggeridge is pegging the interim dividend at 0.75p.

AIB ahead

Anglo Irish Bank Corporation, based in Dublin, lifted pre-tax profits by 36 per cent, to Ir£4.44 million (£4.5 million), in the six months to March 31. The interim dividend is unchanged at Ir1.36p.

Dobson sells

Dobson Park Industries is selling Kango, its power tool business, to Sweden's Atlas Copco for about £7.8 million. Kango, with annual sales of £20 million, lost £600,000 in the year to last October.

STOCK MARKET

Share prices lose £4.5bn as profit-takers move in

ABOUT £4.5 billion was wiped off London share values as sellers and profit-takers moved in. Stocks were dragged sharply lower by a combination of poor corporate results, disappointing UK retail sales figures, £350 million of cash calls, weaker futures and no likely change in German interest rates.

There was also a negative start to trading in New York caused by growing concern of a widening US trade gap, inflation fears, the possibility of higher interest rates and uncertainty over president Clinton's economic package.

This prompted nervousness about prospects for an already hesitant economic recovery in America, and further depressed sentiment in London. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its worst levels, ending 27.6 points lower at 2,819.7. Second liners fared better, with the FT-SE Mid losing only 2.2 to 3,149.0. Volume reached 647.5 million.

Gold-related stocks put on a sparkling performance against the gloomy trend as the gold price in London and New York passed $380 for the first time in 28 months.

Among those shining, **Cluff Resources** gained 5p to 36½p, **RTZ** 1p to 640p, **Anglo American** £1 13/16 to £20 5/16, **Amgold** £3½ to £43 1/16, **Driefontein** 104p to 809p and **Vaal Reefs** £5¼ to £47 9/32.

Bass lost 50p to 483p on reports of future downgradings after the group announced a worse than expected slide in first-half profits. Other brewers were rocked by the news. **Allied-Lyons** fell 12p to 531p as it became the latest company to tap the market for fresh funds by launching a £200 million convertible bond issue. **Guinness** lost 14p to 462p, **Whitbread A** 14p to 473p, **Wolverhampton & Dudley** 15p to 459p, **Scottish & Newcastle** 9p to 454p and **Grand Metropolitan** 6p to 399p.

Saatchi & Saatchi eased 2p to 170p as the advertising and marketing group unveiled a ten-for-27 rights issue, at 130p a share, raising £73 million to cut debt and fund investments.

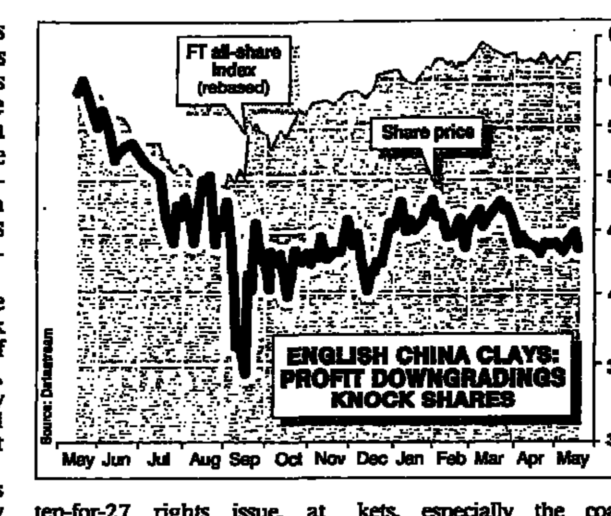
Compass, the contract catering group, added 1p to 528p as it announced an £86.6 million six-for-16 rights issue at 420p a share, to fund its first acquisition in continental Europe. Compass is paying £72 million for the airport restaurant and contract catering arm of SAS, the Scandanavian airline.

Tiphook surged 43p to 295p after strong gains in kets, especially the coated paper pigments market.

NatWest is keeping its short-term recommendation at a hold, but sees underperformance in the longer term.

BTR firmed 4p to 585p in anticipation of positive news at its annual meeting today and as investors switched out of **Hanson**, down 4½p to 233¼p.

A buy recommendation from SG Warburg also helped BTR. Warburg said BTR looked cheap relative to the market.





Teare: downgrading

Sherwood Group, the lace and lingerie manufacturer, was unchanged at 74p despite a buy recommendation from Joan D'Olier at NatWest Securities, who says that the latest small acquisition should enhance earnings. NatWest is positive on prospects and says the group is at a discount to other stocks in the textile sector.

America on the back of positive statements about the company's earnings growth potential.

However, shares in English China Clays, where Andrew Teare is chief executive, fell 15p to 433p after profit downgradings by NatWest Securities. Geoff Allum, at NatWest, has cut his pre-tax profit forecast for the building materials group by £15 million to £85 million for 1993, with 1994's profit estimate cut £18 million to £96 million. Mr Allum said the downgradings reflected worsening conditions in the group's European markets.

Overnight selling in New York saw **Unilever** retreat another 22p to £10.14, adding to fears of a European price war sparked by the warning by BSN, the French foods group, that it was ready to cut prices to preserve its market share.

Elsewhere in the sector, **Cadbury-Schweppes** lost 11p to 436p, **Dalgety** 6p to 431p and **Hillsdown** 4p to 147p.

GEC eased 2p to 317p, with Shaw & Co advising clients to take advantage of recent strength in the share price and take profits ahead of the electronics and power systems group's full-year results in July. **Intercare** was unchanged at 184p despite UBS recently reiterating its positive stance on the acquisitive optical, dental and medical products group.

Avesco firmed 1p to 86p, boosted by news that the broadcasting services group had won a five-year contract to manage Arsenal Football Club' two new Sony Jumbotron video screens, which were bought for £2.5 million. Avesco will be able to use the screens for other events on non-match days.

Upbeat statements at their respective annual meetings helped **Transfer Technology** to a gain of 18p to 535p, while **Slough Estates** firmed 1p to 195p against the trend.

The Break for the Border restaurant and music venue group made a healthy stock market debut depite weak underlying market conditions, with the new shares finishing at 55p, against a placing price of 48p.

PHILIP PANGALOS

WALL STREET

Inflation fears cut 28 points off Dow

New York — Wall Street shares were sharply lower in mid-morning trading as they remained besieged by inflation fears, but gold and computer stocks continued to attract buyers.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 27.96 at 3,416.43 and declining shares led advancing shares by two to one. American Treasuries were mixed with the long bond down 13/32 to yield 7.05 per cent.

Joseph Barthel, investment strategy director at Fahnestock & Co, said: "The Dow has good support levels at 3,380 through 3,410. There will probably be some bargain hunting by the end of the day."

□ **Tokyo** — Japanese shares ended firmer on bargain-hunting triggered by strength in select individual issues. Arbitrage unwinding kept dribbling in to cap gains but public pension fund buying and short-covering after Tuesday's big losses supported the market, brokers said.

The Nikkei average rose 151.40 points, or 0.75 per cent, to 20,380.

□ **Frankfurt** — German shares face a rough sea on today's multiple options expiry date, with investors creating uncertainty in the cash market by adjusting portfolios to complement their options positions. The Dax index closed just above lows at 1,617.41, down 11.07 points on the day.

□ **Sydney** — The Australian share market ended higher, with trading again dominated by demand for gold stocks after the bullion price soared in local and Asian trade. The all-ordinaries index ended 4.7 points higher at 1,682.6.

	May 19 midday	May 18 close
AMP Inc	60¾	61¼
AMR Corp	70½	70¾
Abbott Labs	27¾	28¼
Aetna Life	53	53
Ahmanson (HF)	16½	17¼
Air Prod & Chem	43¾	44
Albertson's	56¼	56½
Alcan Aluminum	18½	18¾
Alco Standard	47¼	47¾
Allied Signal	64¼	64¼
Alum Co of Am	67¼	67¾
Amax	17¼	17¼
Amerada Hess	54	54
Amer Brands	30¼	30¾
Amer Cyanamid	50¾	51
Amer El Power	33½	33¾
Amer Express	27¼	27¼
Amer Genl Corp	29¾	29¾
Amer Home Pr	65	65
Amer Intl	126¾	126
Amer Stores	41½	41¾
Amer T & T	56¾	57¾
Ameritech	71¾	71¾
Amoco	56¼	56¾
Anheuser-Busch	50¾	50¾
Apple Computer	55¾	55½
Archer Daniels	23½	23¾
Arkla	10	9¾
Armco	7½	7¾
Armstrong Wrld	30¼	30¼
Asarco	18½	18¼
Ashland Oil	24¼	24¼
Atl Richfield	120¾	121¼
Auto Data Pro	48¼	48¾
Avery Dennison	29¾	29¼
Avon Products	54¾	54¾
Baker Hughes	28	28¼
Baltim Gas & El	24	24¾
Banc One	51¼	52¾
BankAmerica	44¾	44¼
Bank of NY	52¾	53
Bankers Tr NY	69¾	69¾
Barnett Banks	42¼	42¼
Bausch & Lomb	52	51¾
Baxter Intl	29½	29¾
Becton Dickinsn	36¾	36¾
Bell Atlantic	51½	51¼
BellSouth	51	51¾
Black & Decker	18½	18¾
Block (H&R)	33½	33¾
Boeing	40	40
Boise Cascade	25¾	25¾
Borden Inc	21¼	21¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	60¾	59¾
Browning Ferris	26¾	25¾
Burlington Nthn	54¼	54¾
CBS	227¼	232
CNA Financial	87¾	88¼
CPC Intl	42¾	42¾
CSX	69¾	69¾
Campbell Soup	40¾	40¼
Can Pacific	16¼	16¼
Cptl Cities ABC	524	523¾
Cptl Holdings	35	34¾
Carolina Pwr	30¾	31¼
Caterpillar	67¾	68
Central & SW	29¾	29¾
Champion Intl	33¾	32¾
Chase Manhat	29	29¾
Chemical Bk	36¼	36
Chevron Corp	84¾	84¾
Chrysler	42¾	42¾
Chubb Corp	84¾	84¾
Cigna Corp	58¾	59¾
Citicorp	27¾	27¾
Clorox	48¾	49¾
Coastal Corp	26¾	26¾
Coca Cola	40¾	40
Colgate-Palmolive	58	58¾
Columbia Gas	20¾	21¾
Commonw Ed	25¾	26¾
Compaq Comp	55¾	55¾
Comp Ass Int	28	29
Conagra	25	25¾
Cons Edison	32¾	33¾
Cons Nat Gas	50¾	51¾
Cons Rail	51¾	51¾
Cooper Inds	47¾	47¾
Corning Inc	34¾	34¾
Crown Cork	36¾	36¾
Dana Corp	48¾	48¾
Dayton Hudson	71½	70¾
Deere	56	56
Delta Air Lines	59	59
Deluxe Corp	46	46
Detroit Edison	33¾	33¾
Digital Equip	47¾	47¾
Dillard Dept St	39¾	39¾
Disney (Walt)	40¾	40
Dominion Res	42¾	42¾
Donelley (RR)	28¾	28
Dover Corp	46¾	47¾
Dow Chemicals	53¾	53¾
Dow Jones	29¾	29¾
Dresser	20¾	21
Duke Power	37¾	37¾
Dun & Bradstreet	58¾	58¾
Du Pont	51½	51
Eastman Kodak	50¾	51¼
Eaton Corp	83¾	83¾

	May 19 midday	May 18 close
Emerson Elec	58¼	58¾
Engelhard Corp	32¾	32¾
Enron Corp	56¾	57¼
Entergy Corp	33¾	33¾
Ethyl Corp	28¼	29
Exxon	64	64¼
FMC Corp	43¼	43¾
FPL Group	37¾	37¾
Federal Express	49¾	49¾
Fed Nat Mtge	76¾	76
First Chicago	36¼	36¼
First Interstate	54¾	55¼
First Union Rlty	11¼	11¼
Fleet Finl Grp	29¾	30¾
Fluor Corp	38¾	38¾
Ford Motor	51¼	53½
GTE Corp	34½	34½
Gannett	50¾	50¾
Gap Inc Del	35	35¼
Gen Cinema	35¾	35¼
Gen Dynamics	95¾	99½
Gen Electric	91½	92¼
Gen Mills	64¼	65
Gen Motors	38¼	39¼
Gen Reinsurance	111	110¾
Gen Signal	61¼	61¼
Genuine Parts	34¼	34½
Georgia Pac	63¾	62½
Gillette	51½	52¾
Glaxo ADR	19¼	19½
Goodrich (BF)	45¾	45¾
Goodyear Tire	37¾	37¾
Grace (WR)	39¾	39¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29	29¾
Great Wstn Fin	15¼	15¼
Halliburton	40	40¼
Heinz (HJ)	37¾	37¼
Hercules	70¾	70¼
Hershey Foods	51½	51¼
Hewlett Packard	85¾	84¼
Hilton Hotels	45¾	45¾
Home Depot	44	44¼
Homestake Mng	18¼	19¾
Honeywell	36¼	35¾
Household Intl	63¼	65½
Houston Inds	43¾	43¾
Humana	10½	10¾
ITT Corp	80¾	81¼
Illinois Tool	70¾	71¼
INCO	22¾	22¾
Ingersoll Rand	33¾	33½
Inland Steel	25¾	25¾
Intel Corp	103¾	101¼
IBM	49	49
Intl Flav & Fr	114½	114¾
Intl Paper	64¼	64¼
James River Va	20¾	20¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44	43¼
K Mart	22¾	22¾
Kellogg	56¼	56½
Kerr-McGee	50¾	51
Kimberly-Clark	48¾	48¾
Knight-Ridder	55½	55¾
Lilly (Eli)	50¾	50¾
Limited Inc	23½	23¾
LIN Brdcstng	90¾	87¾
Lincoln Nat	78¾	78
Litton	58¾	58¾
Liz Claiborne	34¼	34¼
Lockheed Corp	61¼	62½
Louisiana Pac	64½	63¾
MCI Commun	50¾	50
Marriott	25½	25¾
Marsh & McLnn	87½	87¾
Masco Corp	31½	31½
May Dept St	73½	73½
Maytag Corp	15¾	15½
McCaw Cellular	41	40¾
McDonalds	47¾	47¾
McDonnell D	64	64¼
McGraw Hill	58¾	58¾
Mead Corp	43¾	44
Medtronic	67	67¾
Mellon Bk	53½	53¾
Melville Corp	46¾	46¾
Merck Inc	38¾	38¾
Merrill Lynch	69¾	69
Minnesota Mine	112¾	112¾
Mobil Corp	69½	69¾
Monsanto	55½	56½
Morgan (JP)	64¾	65¼
Motorola Inc	79½	78
Natl Medical	9	8¾
Natl Semi	14½	14½
Natl Service Ind	25¾	26
Navistar Int	2½	2½
NBD Bancorp	29¾	30¾
NY Times A	27½	27¾
Newmont Mng	50¾	51½
Niag Mohawk	22	22¾
Nike B	74½	74¾
NL Industries	4½	4½
Nordstrom	28½	28½
Norfolk Sthrn	59¾	60¼
Nthn State Pwr	43	43¾
Norwest Corp	48¼	49
Nynex Corp	81½	81½
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ohio Edison	23¼	23¾
Oracle Systems	40¾	40¾

	May 19 midday	May 18 close
Oryx Energy Co	21½	22
Owens Corning	38¼	38¾
PNC Financial	30¼	30¾
PPG Industries	74	73½
Paccar Inc	55	54¾
Pacificorp	17¾	17½
Pac Enterprises	21½	21½
Pac Gas & Elect	32¾	32½
Pac Telesis	45¾	46¼
Pall Corp	19¾	19½
Panhandle East	21½	21½
Paramnt Comm	52¾	51¼
Parker Hannifin	30¼	30¼
Penney (JC)	46¼	46½
Pennzoil	63¾	64½
Pepsico	37¾	36¾
Pfizer	70¾	70¼
Phelps Dodge	46½	46¾
Philadel Elec	28	28¾
Philip Morris	50¾	50¾
Phillips Pet	30¾	30¾
Pitney Bowes	41½	42¼
Polaroid	33¼	34¾
Price Co	28¼	29¾
Primerica	43½	44¾
Procter & Gmbl	48¼	49¾
Pub Serv E & G	32½	32¾
Quaker Oats	71½	71½
Ralston Purina	46¾	47¼
Raychem Corp	41½	41½
Raytheon	55	54¾
Reebok Intl	37¾	37¾
Reynolds Metals	46	45¾
Roadway Srvcs	53¾	53¼
Rockwell Intl	31½	32
Rohm & Haas	53½	53¾
Royal Dutch	89¾	89¾
Rubbermaid	31¼	31½
Safeco Corp	54¾	55¾
St Paul's Cos	79¾	79¾
Salomon Inc	34¾	35
Santa Fe S Pac	17¼	16¾
Sara Lee Corp	25¾	25¾
Scecorp	46½	46¾
Schering Plough	67¼	66½
Schlumberger	64½	64¼
Scott Paper	35¾	35¾
Seagram	28¾	28¾
Sears Roebuck	52¾	53¾
Shell Trans	56	56½
Sherwin Wilms	30¾	31½
Skyline Corp	18½	18¾
Snap-On-Tools	36½	36¾
Southern Co	39¾	39½
Sthwestern Bell	74¼	74¾
Sprint Corp	30	30½
Stanley Works	45¾	45¾
Sun Company	24¾	24¾
Suntrust	43¾	44
Supervalu	33¾	33¼
Syntex Corp	19¾	18¾
Sysco Corp	25¾	25¼
TRW Inc	63½	63½
Tandem Comp	12¾	12¾
Tandy Corp	30	29¾
Telecom Corp	2¾	2¾
Teledyne	19¾	19¾
Temple Inland	42¾	43
Tenneco	47¾	48¾
Texaco	63½	63¾
Texas Inst	65	64¾
Texas Utilities	44½	45¾
Textron	49½	48¾
Time Warner	35½	35¾
Times-Mirror	31	31
Timken	31	31¼
Torchmark	50¾	50¾
Toys R Us	37¼	38
Transamerica	47¾	47¼
Travelers Corp	26¼	26¾
Tribune	51¼	52¾
Tyco Labs	38¾	38¾
UAL Corp	139¾	137¼
UST Inc	29¼	29¾
USX Marathon	19	19¾
Unilever NV	105¾	105¼
Union Camp	44½	45½
Union Carbide	18¼	18¾
Union Pacific	61	61½
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAir Group	21¼	21½
USF&G Corp	16	16½
US Life	37½	37¾
US West	41¼	41½
United Tech	51½	51¾
Unocal Corp	30¾	30¾
Upjohn	29¾	29¾
VF Corp	47	46¾
Wal-Mart Stores	27¾	26½
Warner-Lambert	74¾	74
Waste Mgmnt Inc	31¾	31½
Wells Fargo	101¼	102¾
Westinghouse El	15½	15¼
Weyerhaeuser	43¾	42½
Whirlpool	53¾	53¾
Whitman	14	14½
Winn Dixie	55	55
Woolworth	29¾	29¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	32	32½
Xerox	73½	72¾

RTZ relents over third Lihir partner

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
MINING CORRESPONDENT

RTZ Corporation has averted a damaging clash with the mining authorities of Papua New Guinea over the $770 Lihir gold project — the world's largest undeveloped gold ore body — by dropping a pre-condition of finding a third partner to help with the project's finances.

Through its Kennecott subsidiary, RTZ owns 80 per cent of Lihir and Niugini Mining, the junior partner, has 20 per cent.

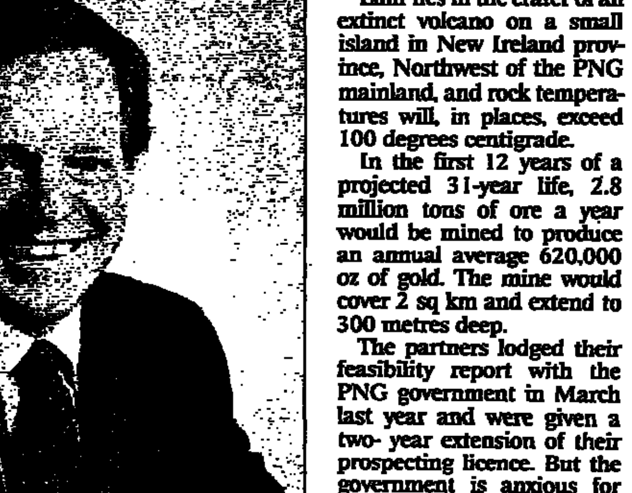
The capital costs and technical demands of Lihir, coupled with the partners' assessment of the longer term outlook for the gold price, compounded by the country risk factor, have persistently delayed the decision to go ahead at Lihir.

RTZ has been trying to bring in a third party to help fund Lihir, but the PNG government, irritated at the delay in getting its huge natural resource deposit off the ground, last week set the partners a deadline.

The inference was that if the partners did not soon make up their minds about developing Lihir, then the government, which intends taking up 30 per cent of Lihir in accordance with PNG policy, would aim to take a 50 per cent stake and in turn find its own third party. A 50 per cent PNG stake would seriously dilute the partners' interests, which neither would welcome.

RTZ declines to comment on what it regards as commercial discussions, but Masket Iangalio, PNG's mining and petroleum minister, said RTZ had advised his government that its pre-condition about a third partner had been dropped.

The Lihir deposit was found by Kennecott in 1982 and was once thought of as a $1.2 billion project. However, refined mine development plans and cost-cutting proposals have scaled down the project to a potential $770 million, though an expanded mine plan would lift the project costs to at least $1.2 billion.



"Inching towards a decision": Geoff Loudon of Niugini

Lihir lies in the crater of an extinct volcano on a small island in New Ireland province, Northwest of the PNG mainland, and rock temperatures will, in places, exceed 100 degrees centigrade.

In the first 12 years of a projected 31-year life, 2.8 million tons of ore a year would be mined to produce an annual average 620,000 oz of gold. The mine would cover 2 sq km and extend to 300 metres deep.

The partners lodged their feasibility report with the PNG government in March last year and were given a two- year extension of their prospecting licence. But the government is anxious for Lihir to "get up and go", and the recent rise in the gold price has further fired its enthusiasm.

Geoff Loudon, chairman of Niugini Mining, said yesterday: "We are inching our way towards a decision about Lihir, and the gold price is helping in that process."

□ Gold traders were still catching their breath last night after the ore's $11 jump to $380 oz on fresh international demand. Silver rose 31 cents to 471 cents oz, and platinum $9 to $391.25 oz.

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities enjoyed gains across the board, stretching to 50p among longer-dated securities, despite weakness on European bond markets.

Gilts opened higher, reacting to a combination of the news overnight of Denmark's vote in favour of the Maastricht treaty, stronger sterling and a follow-through after Tuesday's £3 billion auction details were announced. Dealers said the weak retail sales figures did not harm bond prices, as the market showed little reaction to the data.

The gilt future advanced 17 ticks to £104 11/32, on heavy volume of 42,000 contracts traded for the June series.

In the cash market, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 rose 8 ticks to £109 17/32. Among longer-dated securities, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose 17 ticks to £104 11/32.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gss red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103¾	101¼	Treas 12½% 1993	101¼	...	12.37	5.69
100¼	99¾	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.86
106¾	104½	Treas 13¾% 1993	104½ †	...	13.22	5.61
102¾	101½	Treas 8½% 1994	101½	...	8.34	5.75
109¼	106½	Treas 14½% 1994	106¾	...	13.61	5.75
109¾	106¾	Exch 13½% 1994	106¾	...	12.62	5.78
105¾	104½	Treas 10% 1994	104½ †	+ ⅛	9.60	5.89
110¾	107¾	Exch 12½% 1994	107½	...	11.61	6.08
105¾	103¾	Treas 9% 1994	103¾	...	8.66	6.14
111¾	108½	Treas 12% 1995	108¾	...	11.02	6.29
96½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95½	− ⅛	3.14	5.39
109¼	107¾	Exch 10¼% 1995	107½	+ ⅛	9.52	6.41
116½	113¾	Treas 12¾% 1995	114¼	+ ¼	11.18	6.52
120½	117¾	Treas 14% 1996	117¾	+ ¼	11.92	6.78
125½	121¾	Treas 15¼% 1996	121½	+ ¼	12.51	6.90
120¼	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	116½	+ ¼	11.35	6.91
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	109¾	+ ⅛	9.16	6.94
122¼	118¾	Treas 13¼% 1997	119¾	+ ⅛	11.12	7.19
113½	110¾	Exch 10½% 1997	110½	+ ⅛	9.47	7.11
108¾	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	105¾	+ ⅛	8.27	7.11
132¾	127¾	Exch 15% 1997	128½	...	11.71	7.41
112½	109¾	Exch 9¾% 1998	109¾	+ ⅛	8.91	7.30
103¼	99¾	Treas 7¼% 1998	100¾	+ ⅛	7.21	7.09
101	97¾	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98¾	+ ⅛	6.85	7.08
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
138¾	133¾	Treas 15½% 1998	134¾	+ ⅛	11.56	7.61
122½	118½	Exch 12% 1998	118¾	+ ⅛	10.10	7.71
112½	108¾	Treas 9½% 1999	108¾	+ ⅛	8.73	7.54
124¾	120¾	Exch 12¼% 1999	120½	+ ⅛	10.17	7.79
117¾	112¾	Treas 10½% 1999	113½	+ ⅛	9.26	7.66
117¾	112¾	Conv 10¼% 1999	112¾ xd	+ ⅛	9.09	7.69
110¾	106	Conv 9% 2000	107	+ ⅛	8.41	7.64
131	125½	Treas 13% 2000	126¾	+ ⅛	10.28	8.05
115¾	109¾	Treas 10% 2001	111¾	+ ⅛	8.97	7.72
129½	125¾	Treas 14% 1998-01	125¾ xd	+ ⅛	11.16	7.76
114¾	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	110¾	+ ⅛	8.83	8.11
103¾	97¾	Treas 8% 2003	99¾ xd	+ ⅛	8.03	8.04
116¾	109½	Treas 10% 2003	112	+ ⅛	8.93	8.22

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gss red yld
122¾	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118¾	+ ⅛	9.71	8.34
74¾	67¾	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70¾	+ ⅛	4.98	7.45
112¾	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	108¾	+ ⅛	8.77	8.34
112¾	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	108¾	+ ⅛	8.77	8.36
131½	124¾	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126¾ xd	+ ⅛	9.86	8.56
101¾	94¾	Treas 8% 2002-06	97½	+ ¼	8.22	8.35
125¾	118¾	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120¾	+ ⅛	9.73	8.52
104½	97¾	Treas 8½% 2007	100¾	+ ¼	8.44	8.40
139½	131½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134½	+ ¼	10.07	8.58
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108¾	101½	Treas 9% 2008	104¾	+ ¼	8.60	8.44
99¾	92¾	Treas 8% 2009	96½	+ ⅛	8.31	8.48
108¾	100½	Conv 9% 2011	104¾	+ ⅛	8.64	8.53
108¾	100½	Treas 9% 2012	104½	+ ⅛	8.63	8.53
76¾	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73¾	+ ⅛	7.45	8.22
97¾	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92¾	+ ¼	8.36	8.48
135¾	125¾	Exch 12% 2013-17	130½ †	+ ⅛	9.18	8.74
105¾	97¼	Treas 8¾% 2017	101¾	+ ⅛	8.60	8.57
		UNDATED				
48¾	43½	Consols 4%	46½	+ ¼	8.63	...
42¾	38½	War Ln 3½%	40¾ †	+ ⅛	8.63	...
63	60½	Conv 3½%	61½	+ ¼	5.66	...
31½	28½	Consols 2½%	30¾	+ ¼	8.28	...
30½	27¾	Treas 2½%	28½	+ ⅛	8.66	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133¼	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	133¾	...	...	1.03
197¼	194¾	Treas IL 2% 1996	195¼	...	2.02	2.74
109¾	105¾	Treas IL 4½% 1998	107¼	...	2.46	3.01
166½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	163¾	+ ⅛	2.93	3.25
163¾	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160¾	+ ⅛	3.03	3.29
111¾	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109¾	+ ⅛	3.16	3.42
170¾	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	167¾	+ ⅛	3.14	3.34
154¾	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151¾	+ ⅛	3.32	3.51
159¾	148¾	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156½	+ ⅛	3.39	3.56
131½	122¾	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128½	+ ¼	3.45	3.61
139¾	130¾	Treas IL 2½% 2016	136¼	+ ⅛	3.52	3.67
133¾	124¾	Treas IL 2½% 2020	130½	+ ¼	3.57	3.70
111½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	108¼	+ ¼	3.60	3.71
111¾	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108¾	+ ¼	3.61	3.73

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.11
Austria Sch	18.60	17.10
Belgium Fr	54.40	50.00
Canada $	2.07	1.91
Denmark Kr	10.18	9.38
Finland Mkk	9.11	8.31
France Fr	8.90	8.20
Germany Dm	2.635	2.435
Greece Dr	352.00	327.00
Hong Kong $	12.55	11.55
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2355.00	2210.00
Japan Yen	186.50	169.50
Nethrlnds Gld	2.96	2.73
Norway Kr	11.15	10.35
Portugal Esc	248.00	230.00
S Africa Rd	6.15	5.35
Spain Pta	196.50	183.50
Sweden Kr	11.90	11.10
Switzerland Fr	2.39	2.21
Turkey Lira	15900.0	14900.0
USA $	1.638	1.508

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RISES:

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Sappi	425p (+14p)
Courtauld Text	554p (+10p)
Graig	155p (+27p)
Tiphook	295p (+43p)
Sothebys	888p (+13p)

FALLS:

HSBC	603p (-11p)
Broken Hill	604p (-12p)
Cadbury-Schweppes	436p (-11p)
Manpower	974p (-22p)
Allied-Lyons	531p (-12p)
Guinness	462p (-14p)
Takeda Chem	800p (-21p)
General Accident	567p (-10p)
Euro Disney	783p (-10p)
Enterprise	459p (-16p)
Mountview	876p (-24p)
RMC Group	704p (-13p)
Redland	494p (-17p)

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Dated this 17 day of May 1993
M D Gercke
Joint Administrative Receiver
NOTES
1. A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
2. Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a form of proxy is included herewith. A proxy should be lodged with me, if possible, before the meeting.
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Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Leonard Curtis & Co., not later than 12.00 hrs on 28 May 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
K.D. Goodman, FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

Sureway Scaffolding (Oxford) Limited
Registered number: 02252434 Trading name: Sureway Scaffolding (Oxford) Limited. Nature of business: Engineering. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 12 May 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Raymond Hocking and George Albert Auger (office holder nos: 2322/01 and 1067/11. Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 2nd June 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 13th day of May 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
NIGEL HILLS, DIRECTOR.

High Court of Justice
No 009799 of 1992
Dance Studio (UK) Limited
(In Liquidation)
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, I, S.B Ryman of Rothman Pantall & Co., Clareville House, 26/27 Oxendon Street, London, SW1Y 4EP, give notice that I was appointed Liquidator of the above on 2 March 1993.
S.B. Ryman, Liquidator
17 May 1993

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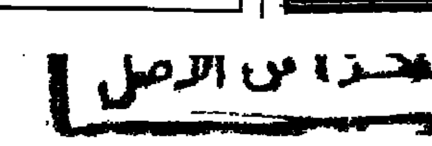
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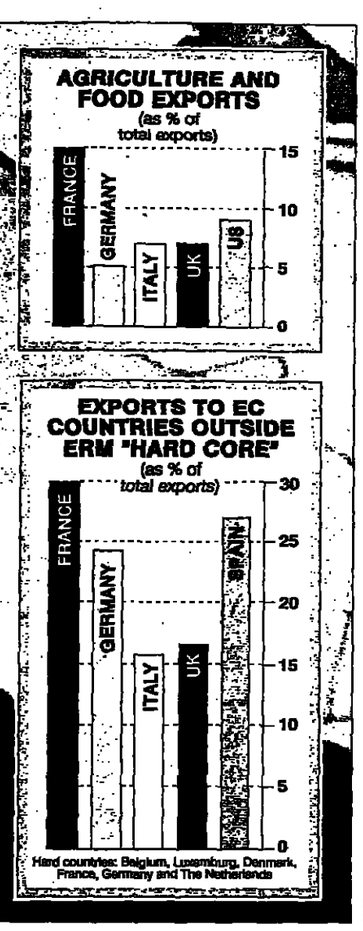


ECONOMIC VIEW

After Denmark's yes vote, the time is ripe to break the franc

Only one man can save Europe from anti-democratic federalism and monetary union. Anatole Kaletsky writes a letter to George Soros





Dear Mr Soros, You have been justifiably hailed for saving the British economy, when you broke the Bank of England on White Wednesday. You have done great charitable work in Russia, Bosnia and Eastern Europe. Recently, you have topped your triumph in the foreign exchange markets with a brilliantly timed coup in gold. I now call on you to crown these achievements with one more benefaction for the people of Europe. My proposal would make an even bigger contribution to global peace and prosperity than your previous initiatives. It would simultaneously yield a handsome profit for yourself and the other shareholders of the Quantum Fund.

After the Danish referendum and the defeat of the Eurosceptics in Britain, you alone can save Europe from the madness of premature monetary union. You can do this by breaking the link between the mark and the French franc. But you have only a few months left to act.

The Bundesbank is capitulating in its battle against inflation. Once its reputation is destroyed, it may be too late to force a franc devaluation and avoid a political disintegration in Germany. Time is also running out to exploit your own achievements. Today, other investors are bound to follow wherever you lead. But one top financier told me recently that there is only one financial institution with a more inflated reputation than the Bundesbank — and that is Soros Fund Management. You must act fast, before this idea gets around.

First and foremost, you must save Europe from monetary union for moral and political reasons. The people of Europe are opposed to a federal state, but the politicians intend to ignore them. As you know, all serious economic analysis of monetary union shows that a single currency can work only within a fiscal, and therefore a political, federation. In fact, the idea of monetary union is being promoted by Brussels specifically because it will force Europe to become a federal state.

Like you, I personally share in the ideal of a federal Europe. But if a United States of Europe is to be created, it must be with the consent of the people. It must be built on democratic institutions, not secret ministerial cabals. To impose federalism without democratic foundations would reawaken nationalism and racial hatred. It would also paralyse Europe.

This has already happened in foreign policy. Witness the Bosnian disgrace. Only last Sunday, the Soros Foundation announced that it was stopping your $50 million relief programme in Bosnia, because of the international community's failure to enforce a peace plan. Surely you must realise why the world failed to act.

European countries are trying to make their foreign policy by consensus — and will be bound to do so once Maastricht is ratified. But 12 national governments will never reach unanimity about the use of military force. An unelected European president, who occupies his post on six-month rotation, will never give the leadership needed for diplomatic or military risks. Instead, federalism will paralyse the foreign and defence policies of all European nations. With Britain and France shackled, the paralysis will spread to the UN and Nato, as we now see.

Now look at the economic perils of monetary union. Today, more than ever, Europe needs divergent monetary policies. Germany needs tight money to control inflation and an overvalued exchange rate to shift resources from its export and manufacturing sectors into housebuilding, infrastucture and retailing to provide for its new citizens in the east.

France and the rest of Europe, by contrast, need low interest rates and cheap currencies. Only with low interest rates can cure Eurosclerosis, the vicious circle of underinvestment, mass unemployment, growing subsidies and exploding budget deficits. Only with cheap currencies can they restore their competitiveness against America and Japan. And France needs low interest and exchange rates every bit as desperately as Italy, Britain or Spain.

France claims to be fully competitive on export markets, at the present franc-mark exchange rate. Judging by its current account, which is roughly in balance, and its competitiveness against Germany, this may seem true. But remember that French unemployment is 3 million and German exporters have been deliberately made uncompetitive by the Bundesbank. Also, look closely at the structure of French trade.

First, France is more vulnerable than Germany or any other country to recent European devaluations. France sells 30 per cent of its exports to EC countries outside the ERM hard core of Germany, France, Benelux and Denmark. The corresponding figure for Germany is 24 per cent. Consider also the products France exports.

In 1991, 14.6 per cent of French exports were agricultural and food products. These exports are only possible because world farm trade is rigged. If French farm exports were halved, to the same level as Italy and Britain, as they surely would be in the long run, if agriculture were run on market principles and Eastern Europe were integrated into the world economy, France would have a current account deficit almost as big as Britain's. Considering the government subsidies supporting another major source of French exports, the $10 billion earned by the aerospace industry, France is uniquely vulnerable to any genuine opening of world trade. A lower exchange rate could make France a truly competitive industrial power. There is, of course, an alternative to devaluation — to continue rigging agriculture, to throw subsidies at aerospace and to create a protectionist Fortress Europe.

But think of the geopolitical consequences if this policy, which any French government is bound to follow as long as it tries to maintain the franc fort. Not only could protectionism rupture Nato. It would certainly impoverish Eastern Europe and might well lead to the breakup of the EC, as Britain and Germany began to perceive that their economic and geopolitical interests were at odds with France.

Mr Soros, I realise that you are in business to make profits. But happily, there are also some purely financial reasons to attack the franc.

France is now far more vulnerable than it was a few months ago, because the markets and politicians have become complacent about their ability to maintain the franc fort. There is now almost no difference between German and French interest rates, so the cost of speculation has become negligible. The French bond market is unlikely to rise much further, so there is little reason for holding French bonds. Above all, the French public and business community have come to expect steadily lower interest rates. Faced with a run on the franc, Edouard Balladur, who is a French nationalist and a possible presidential candidate, would be more likely to follow the British, Italian and Spanish precedents than put interest rates back up to 12 per cent.

After all, M Balladur has led Frenchmen to expect a reward, rather than punishment, for their years of austerity. He has talked about undercutting German interest rates and making his currency the new anti-inflationary anchor for Europe. The last time a European leader made such predictions was in May 1992, and the politician was John Major. You and you shareholders are $1 billion richer as a result.

Yours sincerely.

TEMPUS

That was the recovery

LAST month's 0.3 per cent fall in retail sales dashes any lingering hopes in the government or the City that Britain is on the fast track back to economic prosperity. The recovery is more likely to be along American lines, with a succession of stops, starts, surges and setbacks along the way.

The share market did not like this but it is not necessarily a bad thing. Britain does not needs another consumer boom which would fuel inflation and send the trade deficit to dizzier depths. It would profit more from sustainable growth in manufacturing with solid investment and prductivity gains.

At present, a high street stampede looks unlikely. The nineties consumers are cannier than they were a decade ago. They can be tempted back into the shops with bargains, as they were in January, otherwise their concerns about job security are encouraging them to repay existing debts rather than run up new ones. Recent data from the CBI implies that retail sales growth in the next three months could slow to as little 0.5 per cent, so retailers may be forced to launch bargain summer sales to keep the momentum going.

The cash and fixed-interest markets welcome poor economic data like this since it reopens the betting that there will be another base rate cut this year. That was the factor behind yesterday's sharp fall in three-month interbank rates, against the recent rising trend. If there is further news of a setback in the recovery in the coming weeks, particularly in manufacturing output, combined with additional German rate cuts, the pressure on the Chancellor for a further reduction in base rates could become intense.

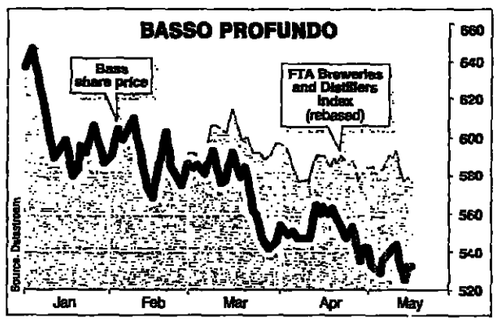
Bass

THE Bass interim results have a morning after feel. From the takeover euphoria of the late eighties, Bass is now wallowing in a haze with a 14 per cent fall in pre-tax profits.

The management also appears to be affected by the vagueness that accompanies those morning after doldrums. Ian Prosser, the chairman, insisted Bass had gained 0.2 per cent share in the beer market, although he later said it was impossible to calculate the group's overall position precisely. Then he also claimed the group had not discounted as much as its competitors, but could not produce any figures to substantiate this.

Perhaps this is just as well. The figures Bass did manage to produce were alarming enough, prompting many City analysts to downgrade their full-year forecasts by £50 million to about £510 million. Particularly worrying is the cash outflow of more than £250 million, caused partly by increased capital expenditure but largely by reduced profitability and cash from the operating companies. With Mr Prosser forecasting continued depression in the European hotel business and only limited recovery in British brewing, the prospects for the full year look little better.

On a prospective p/e ratio of just under 13, the shares reflect this pessimism. Only investors with the patience to wait for a recovery in the depressed brewing and hotel businesses will see this is a good opportunity to buy.



Saatchi

WHILE Saatchi's £73 million rights issue was not forecast by the market with the uncanny precision of some of this week's other cash-raising exercises, it has not come as a total shock. Saatchi was faced otherwise with the prospect of a slow crawl out of financial hardship with no spare funds available for sensible investment, while global competition from better funded American and Japanese rivals threatened.

The banks were promised that the company would in due course attempt a rights issue when Saatchi was tidying up its borrowing arrangements this year and are still firmly in command. At least they have allowed the group to restore dividend payments by the end of next year as a sop to long-suffering shareholders, some of whom had feared they would have to wait until next century.

Half the rights money will go to cut debt, sensible given that unused tax losses in Britain and America push cuts in interest charges straight through to attributable profits. The new investments are logical enough, although it is unnerving that there is yet more mopping up to be done overseas despite the mammoth earn-outs of the past four years. Strikingly, the rights issue was accompanied by a downbeat trading statement. Saatchi has repeated that revenues this year will be similar to last. Any improvement in profits will come from turning round the loss-making subsidiaries and from lower severance costs, and only this will provide a platform for those eventual dividend payments.

Compass

DISHING out canteen meals is hardly a glamorous business, but the contract catering industry has attracted muchtakeover excitement — and institutional money — in recent months with the management buyout of Forte's Gardner Merchant and the acquisition of Sutcliffe by Granada.

Compass was said to be interested in both and it is therefore tempting to view its purchase of SAS Service Partner as a consolation prize. This is far from the truth. SSP's exit p/e ratio of 10 compares very favourably with the multiple of 18 that Granda paid for Sutcliffe and the rumoured 20 plus paid for the Gardner Merchant buy-out. While SSP does not yield the immediate benefits of scale of a domestic acquisition, the move enables Compass to enter the continental European market with a company large enough on its own to have the benefits of scale crucial in mass catering. SSP's dominance in Scandinavia also means Compass avoids expensive head-on competition with international companies such as Sodexho and Accor.

Deutsche Bank

With a 20 per cent increase in operating profits in the first four months of 1993, unchanged bad debt provisions and a suggestion of a dividend increase, Deutsche does not look like a bank whose main market is tumbling into recession. It is certainly faring better than its main customers, as it reaps rewards from its rapid push into eastern Germany following reunification.

If, as Deutsche hopes, the German economy turns the corner at the end of the year, bank profits could continue to advance. But the domestic operations of the British banks turned in tremendous underlying profits in 1989 just as Britain was delving into recession. Bad debts have a nasty habit of following on from recession and unless Deutsche's credit quality systems are unimpeachable, the bank cannot be immune forever.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

D-G becomes just a D G

MARK Boléat, director-general of the Building Societies Association and Council of Mortgage Lenders, is to join the Association of British Insurers in July and lose his hyphen when he becomes the director general the following month. The ABI, which currently has a chief executive, Mike Jones, decided that it wanted a director general instead. Boléat, who has worked for the Building Societies Association for nearly 20 years, has many ministerial friends who will, no doubt, help when he lobbies on behalf of the insurance industry. He has always been a tireless campaigner on behalf of the mortgage lenders, sometimes at the expense of his private life. Before he married, he once appeared to fall asleep when taking a female friend to the opera, after a busy day. Jones, who has spent 25 years on the Association of British Insurers' staff, is philosophical about not being offered the director general's post. "Tomorrow to fresh woods and pastures new," he quips.

Honestly

THE Hong Kong Stock Exchange, one of the world's more colourful bourses, has taken the unusual step of censuring and fining a brokerage firm for charging clients too little. In a display that would send City firms reeling, the exchange fined a member HK$15,000 (£1,265) and, in a public censure printed in the colony's newspapers, described its conduct as "injurious to the character and interests and prejudicial to the objects of the exchange". One has to feel a little sorry for the brokerage firm. Its name is Great Honest Investment.

Good tern

MORE than 400 City luminaries flocked — if you will forgive the pun — to the Stationers' Hall in central London yesterday to sample the first of the season's gulls' eggs — a bizzare but popular annual ritual sponsored by Sedgwick, Europe's biggest insurance broker. Guests, including Sir Alex Alexander, senior managing director of Lehman Brothers International, managed to ply their way through more than 1,200 of the sea-blue speckled eggs, courtesy of an anonymous donor in Scotland. "It's something we started four years ago," says Nicholas Bowater, marketing director, private clients, at Credit Suisse Asset Management, and a driving force behind the luncheon. Sir Alex, 76, will have enjoyed himself. He is a former chairman of Ross Foods, which started out selling frozen fish. The event is expected to raise about £20,000 for Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.



Brian's double

THE boy done good... one guaranteed winner from tonight's FA Cup final replay between Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday is Sir Brian Wolfson's Wembley Group. The return of up to 80,000 raving fans to Wembley will mean double the receipts for one of football's more lucrative occasions, but the division of the spoils has caused some debate. Wembley let slip yesterday that it is due one third of the take, with the rest going to the Footbal Association's coffers. With tickets costing from £10 to £50, industry sources believe the final and replay will rake in at least £2 million each. That would work out at an extra £660,000 for Sir Brian's company. Here we go, here we go....

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Weighty matter of presenting results

From Mr R. J. Frearson

Sir, Your report on the Bank of Scotland's results (Bad debt provisions dent Bank of Scotland results, May 7) makes interesting reading with Mr G. T. Shoosmith's business letter (May 5) about the lavish manner in which company reports are prepared.

A post office told me that my copy of the bank's report and accounts 1992 weighed 429 grammes on which weight first-class postage was £1.08 and second class 84p.

I gathered from page 47 that there were 30,627 ordinary stockholders. I could form no opinion about how many preference stockholders and others were sent reports.

I counted 41 colour photos, 10 full-page. I noted that 30 of the 80 pages were topped by coloured pictures of various branches, most of the margins were over 3cms wide and the lines of print of the governor's statement and treasurer's review (21 pages) were spaced unnecessarily far apart at about 6mm between centres.

While supporting Mr Shoosmith's suggestions I would accept a third sheet showing the directors' shareholdings.

Yours truly,
R. J FREARSON,
The Paddock,
Shangton Road,
Tur Langton,
Leicester.

Robbery by bank charges

From Mr Richard M. Philips

Sir, A lot has been written about the outrageous bank charges levied at their customers these days. I'm wondering if the details of a recent transaction is a record in view of the fact I received £1.08 for a sum of £5.08 credit.

Not that I am trying to create a record of this type but merely to find out how anger can be translated to action which might prevent such robbery by banks?

Your views would be appreciated.

Yours truly,
RICHARD M. PHILIPS,
Leggatt Hill Farm,
Lodsworth,
Petworth,
West Sussex.

Catalyst for prolixity

From Mr Derek Hudson

Sir, Reading a document from ICI about the proposed demerger of Zeneca Group, I find the demerger will "serve a catalyst for the release of creative management energies". But a few lines later I discover ICI, after the demerger, would anyway, among many other advantages, have a "strong position" in catalysts. Surely, this tiresome word, so popular today, has reared its ugly head once too often?

Yours faithfully,
DEREK HUDSON,
33 Beacon Hill Court,
Hindhead, Surrey.

The letter published yesterday from the Social Market Foundation was from Lord Skidelsky and Mr Liam Halligan.

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Derby acceptors, weather boys said yesterday.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	115.40	123.40	-0.60	1.01
International	87.59	93.18	-0.44	.97
Dividend Gth	56.97	60.60	-0.31	4.64
Global Gth Sec	61.51	65.43	-0.09	2.64
Ethical Growth	65.18	69.33	-0.07	2.52
High Inc Equity	149.00	158.50†	-1.00	5.02
Worldwide Bond	260.40	276.10†	-2.00	4.99
Gilts Fixed Int	128.80	136.50	+0.30	6.03
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6881				
Amer Inc Gth	42.02	44.35†	-0.37	0.70
European	78.57	83.27	-0.33	...
European Inc	75.32	79.95†	+0.04	1.88
Exempt	890.00	917.90†	+0.60	3.35
Extra Inc	42.57	46.27	-0.11	5.41
F East Emerg Ec	82.69	89.06	-0.60	0.73
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	374.00	399.80	-2.50	4.11
Equity Inc	210.10	224.50	-1.50	4.06
High Yield	229.40	245.20†	-1.40	4.18
Balanced	635.30	679.10	-3.20	2.60
American Inc	45.35	48.47	-0.46	3.51
Wld Asset Val	39.02	41.71	+0.07	1.97
Japan	194.80	207.50	+0.60	0.01
Secs of Am	386.00	410.80†	-2.20	0.45
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	308.60	328.30†	-2.60	2.73
-do- Inc	218.50	232.50†	-1.80	2.73
Higher Inc Acc	564.10	600.20†	-2.50	3.71
-do- Inc	342.60	364.50†	-1.40	3.71
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	173.30	183.00	+0.40	6.21
-do- Inc	90.82	95.92	-0.22	6.21
Nth America	244.30	259.90†	-1.70	...
Far East	288.60	307.10†	-2.30	0.20
Europe	216.60	230.50	-0.70	1.02
General Inc	418.10	444.80	-3.30	2.38
-do- Acc	458.70	488.00	-3.60	2.38
Brit Excell	62.46	66.45†	-0.67	2.71
Brit Fndmtls Inc	66.92	71.20	-0.33	4.71
Brit Fndmtls Acc	86.26	91.77	-0.45	4.71
Global Opps	70.82	75.35†	-0.33	0.07
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	105.30	112.70	..	2.77
Euro Gth Inc	112.60	119.50	...	1.05
Extra Inc	103.90	111.10†	...	4.89
General	238.30	254.80	...	2.98
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.49	58.40†	...	8.64
Income	482.00	515.50	...	4.50
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	88.42	93.82	-0.11	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	116.70	125.20	-0.10	.
Convertibles	53.33	57.01	+0.23	6.90
Eastern	183.10	197.10	-1.90	1.60
Equity Income	80.66	85.80†	-0.16	6.20
European Gth	220.00	233.90†	-1.40	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	147.60	157.80	-1.50	1.90
Exempt	81.52	83.64	-0.49	3.60
German Growth	54.97	58.50	-0.44	0.70
Global Growth	105.60	112.70	-0.70	...
Japan Growth	193.40	206.90	-1.10	...
Japan Sunrise	167.70	179.30	-0.80	...
Portfolio	116.70	125.10	-0.60	3.20
-do- Acc	208.00	223.00	-1.00	3.20
UK Growth	78.42	83.42	-0.78	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	82.75	88.50†	+0.24	1.90
Select Managers	62.24	66.68	-0.27	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	103.08	110.25	-0.66	1.87
-do- Inc	93.71	100.22†	-0.60	1.87
Global Bond	28.40	30.13†	-0.11	4.89
High Yield Acc	52.70	56.36	-0.30	4.06
-do- Inc	38.25	40.91†	-0.22	4.06
Smlr Cos Acc	90.08	96.34	-0.08	1.35
-do- Inc	82.80	88.55†	-0.07	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	56.45	60.37	-0.56	...
-do- Inc	55.40	59.25	-0.55	...
Euro Gth Acc	100.04	106.99	-0.31	1.07
-do- Inc	98.67	105.53	-0.30	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.33	36.72	-0.19	1.31
Pacific Growth	99.86	106.81	-0.49	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	86.28	92.28	-0.48	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	122.10	130.00	+0.10	3.22
Smaller Cos Acc	289.00	309.20	+1.60	...
Smaller Cos Inc	168.00	179.80†	+0.90	1.20
High Inc	70.20	75.46	-0.24	6.94
Income	126.50	135.40†	-0.70	4.06
Mngd P folio Inc	91.18	97.10	-0.54	2.05
-do- Acc	172.30	183.50	-1.00	...
North American	100.40	107.00	-1.80	0.20
Orient	121.30	130.70†	-0.20	...
Recovery	40.68	43.73†	+0.08	2.56
German	39.70	42.57	-0.32	0.09
Intl Growth	32.70	34.83	-0.11	0.23
European Inc	21.63	23.28	-0.15	0.48
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	60.58	64.45	-0.11	1.36
-do- Acc	68.30	72.66	-0.12	1.16
Income Fund 5	208.70	220.00†	-0.80	4.13
-do- Acc	485.60	516.60†	...	4.13
Inv Portfolio	65.97	68.37	-0.51	2.08
-do- Acc	74.50	77.21	-0.57	2.08
Smaller Cos	127.20	135.40	+0.20	1.50
-do- Acc	152.80	162.60	+0.20	...
High Inc P folio	59.38	61.54	-0.14	4.70
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Stu Gilt Fxd Int	65.52	66.41	-0.04	6.05
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.40	142.00	-0.50	1.69
UK Growth	145.20	154.50	-0.80	2.11
UK Income	121.80	129.60†	-0.40	4.19
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	83.99	89.83	-1.47	1.64
Growth	43.82	46.87	-0.39	2.92
Income	53.54	57.26	-0.31	4.25
Far East	47.65	50.96†	-0.27	0.15
North American	81.69	87.37†	-0.54	..
Global	82.93	88.69	-0.28	0.75
European	67.77	72.48	-0.26	1.23
Japan	110.00	117.60	-0.70	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	56.92	60.31†	-0.54	5.32
UK Cap Gwth	77.87	83.28	-0.30	2.17
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	124.40	132.40	-1.20	0.12
-do- Acc	132.30	140.80	-1.20	0.12
European	64.20	68.06	-0.36	0.91
-do- Acc	66.54	70.55	-0.37	0.91
Far East Gen	62.71	66.72	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	62.71	66.72	+0.10	...
Glenfriars	244.60	260.30	...	0.74
-do- Acc	275.40	293.00	+0.10	0.74
Growth	377.00	403.30	+0.10	2.30
-do- Acc	645.30	690.30	+0.10	2.30
Income Growth	371.00	394.70	-2.10	3.81
-do- Acc	493.30	524.80	-2.80	3.81
Master Portfolio	9364.0	9701.0†	+24.00	2.85
-do- Acc	10836.0	11227.0	+28.00	2.85
Special Sits	85.97	91.46	-0.64	2.26
-do- Acc	100.60	107.03	-0.74	2.26
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1176.0	1213.0†	-6.00	4.39
-do- Acc	1388.0	1431.0	-7.00	4.39
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	185.00	197.00	-1.70	1.66
Capital	522.00	557.00†	-4.30	2.39
Eurotrack 100	126.10	134.20	-0.80	1.54
Euro Gth	78.03	83.09	-0.66	1.36
Far East Growth	89.04	95.02	-0.26	0.14
Global Bond	23.16	24.40	-0.13	6.13
Hong Kong	80.79	86.22	-0.89	0.80
Income	490.30	523.20†	-1.90	3.98
Intl Growth	72.35	77.21	-0.57	1.01
Japan Growth	265.90	283.70	+3.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.21	36.51	+0.44	...
Japan Index	76.08	81.19	+0.65	0.24
Nth American	420.80	449.00	-1.20	0.96
S pore Mly Gth	54.37	58.02†	-0.34	...
The Footsie Fd	106.10	112.00	-1.00	2.63
Tiger Index	137.50	146.70	-1.20	0.68
Trixie Index	104.60	111.60	+0.20	2.57
UK Index	121.80	129.90	-0.80	3.00
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	80.56	86.11	-0.81	1.00
European P folio	70.37	74.87	-0.60	1.38
Japanese P folio	63.99	67.98	-0.16	...
Pacific P folio	97.83	105.20	-1.07	1.11
Cazenove P folio	69.83	74.69	-0.24	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.78	66.27	-0.21	5.00
Utility & Bond	48.86	49.50	+0.01	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	595.08	600.00	...	4.82
Fixed Int	152.70	152.80	...	9.49
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	585.59	585.74	...	5.10
-do- Acc	2295.4	2305.3	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.15	124.16	...	9.34
-do- Acc	165.20	165.44	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.17	65.44	...	2.31
Beckman Intl	79.66	84.06†	...	3.15
Friars Hse Inc	175.04	188.22†	...	6.18
Friars Hse Cap	244.72	263.14	...	2.77
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	...	...	...	...
Smaller Cos	35.75	38.03	+0.01	1.80
-do- Acc	40.28	42.85	+0.01	1.80
UK General	67.27	71.56	-0.49	2.46
-do- Acc	80.65	85.80	-0.59	2.46
Wwide Bd	61.86	65.74	-0.45	6.14
-do- Acc	79.50	84.48	-0.58	6.14
Wwide Sp Sits	55.36	59.21	-0.19	0.17
-do- Acc	57.67	61.68	-0.20	0.17
Quilter	118.71	126.29†	-0.89	2.48
-do- Acc	131.84	140.26	-0.99	2.48
Quilter Income	92.27	98.27†	-0.65	3.55
-do- Acc	113.84	121.11	-0.81	3.55
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.99	91.99†	+0.01	5.30
-do- Acc	91.99	91.99†	+0.01	5.30
Fin Property	...	...	...	...
Fixed Conv	40.32	42.89†	-0.06	7.04
-do- Acc	106.87	113.69	-0.16	7.04
Equity Inc	145.73	155.03	-0.70	2.81
-do- Acc	467.78	497.64	-2.28	2.81
High Yield	117.58	125.09	-0.44	4.64
-do- Acc	444.00	472.34	-1.68	4.64
Preference	46.51	49.48†	+0.06	7.41
-do- Acc	238.61	253.84	+0.12	7.41
PPT Europe	145.74	155.04†	-1.17	0.98
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.46	50.49†	+0.15	7.76
PPT Global Bnd	81.82	86.90†	-0.43	5.61
PPT Gold Com	58.24	61.96†	+1.83	...
PPT Oriental Gth	55.49	59.03†	-0.32	0.49
PPT Far East Gth	103.51	110.12†	-0.16	0.23
PPT Managed	60.39	64.24	-0.31	3.40
-do- Acc	73.82	78.53	-0.38	3.40
PPT Japan	114.21	121.50†	+0.26	...
PPT N Amer	143.13	152.27†	-1.20	0.09
PPT UK Gth	115.09	122.44	-0.81	1.92
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	80.77	85.93	-1.06	0.92
Japanese Acc	60.48	64.34	-0.29	...
UK Balncd Inc	125.80	133.80	-0.60	2.51
-do- Acc	146.80	156.20	-0.70	2.51
UK Growth Acc	206.00	219.10†	-0.80	2.20
UK High Inc	130.50	138.80†	-0.40	6.85
-do- Acc	157.80	167.90†	-0.50	6.85
N America Acc	107.60	114.50	-1.20	0.34
European Acc	150.10	159.70	-1.00	0.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.85	63.48	+0.13	8.90
-do- Acc	96.59	102.40	+0.20	8.90
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.53	49.50	-0.37	0.23
Environmnt Opp	70.78	75.30†	-0.36	1.47
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	106.90	113.60	-1.00	0.44
UK Smlr Cos	194.00	206.10†	+0.40	1.21
Eurofund	36.56	38.70	-0.22	1.03
Mngd Exempt	164.40	171.30	+0.70	3.06
Growth Inc	210.10	223.20	-1.60	3.81
High Dist	138.60	147.30†	-0.70	5.26
International	312.50	332.00	-2.40	0.98
Intl Income	79.02	84.35†	-1.10	3.04
Pacific	57.56	61.16	-0.61	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	68.44	72.72	+0.13	...
Tokyo	198.60	211.00	-0.80	...
Japan Exempt	112.70	115.70	-1.90	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	571.40	587.10	+19.80	0.09
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	117.10	124.40	-1.10	1.13
Australia	6.750	7.172	-0.018	1.10
Equity	184.70	196.20	-0.60	3.57
Euro Spec Sits	138.00	146.10†	+0.80	0.57
Financial	39.00	41.44	+0.02	2.91
Global Opps Inc	86.99	92.43	-0.40	2.18
-do- Acc	90.16	95.80	-0.42	2.18
Gold Gen Inc	48.18	51.19†	+1.16	0.85
-do- Acc	92.47	98.25†	+2.21	0.85
Income	120.20	127.70	-0.50	3.84
Japan General	154.80	164.40	+0.90	...
Preference	21.45	22.79†	+0.03	7.99
UK Capital	101.00	108.30	-0.50	3.11
Worldwide Cap	193.60	205.70	-1.10	3.12
World Income	81.41	86.50	-0.32	2.52
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	173.90	184.90	...	1.08
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	102.44	107.83†	-0.52	3.34
High Income	117.44	123.62†	-0.82	4.92
Tst of Inv Tsts	141.91	149.38	-0.31	2.14
Special Sits	82.96	87.32	-0.23	2.79
North American	101.28	106.61	-0.69	0.96
Far Eastern	240.54	253.20	-0.15	1.39
Intl Growth	93.49	98.41	+0.19	1.37
European	62.00	65.26	-0.53	2.24
Smaller Cos	69.52	73.18	-0.28	2.20
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	215.50	229.20†	...	3.66
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	116.30	123.70	-0.80	...
High Income	24.89	26.19†	-0.07	5.80
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	89.19	94.39	-0.60	0.88
Far Eastern	134.50	143.90	-0.90	...
Oseas Income	87.88	93.96	-0.96	2.48
UK Growth	92.07	98.47	-0.44	0.97
UK Income	97.52	104.30†	-0.70	3.51
US Smaller Cos	234.80	251.10	-2.40	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	406.60	434.80	-3.50	...
-do- Acc	415.40	444.20	-3.50	...
Capital	285.90	304.10	+0.10	1.92
-do- Acc	398.10	423.40	+0.10	1.92
Contl Smllr Cos	47.29	50.85	-0.27	0.77
-do- Acc	48.92	52.62	-0.27	0.77
Convertible	114.20	121.40	+0.10	5.94
-do- Acc	211.40	224.80	+0.10	5.94
European	93.01	99.28†	-0.72	0.94
-do- Acc	96.75	103.30†	-0.70	0.94
Extra Income	290.60	309.10	-0.60	4.02
-do- Acc	406.90	432.80	-0.80	4.02
Financial	101.20	108.70†	-0.80	0.74
-do- Acc	106.00	113.70†	-0.80	0.74
Health Fund Inc	111.40	119.00	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	111.40	119.00	-0.20	...
Income Tst	174.90	186.00†	-0.80	3.95
-do- Acc	247.80	263.50†	-1.30	3.95
Intl Growth	305.20	326.10	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	338.90	362.10	-1.00	...
Japan Gen	174.50	186.30	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	176.30	188.20	-1.30	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.83	93.50†	-0.35	0.93
-do- Acc	93.38	98.29†	-0.36	0.93
Monthly Income	149.50	159.00	...	3.99
Recovery	288.00	307.90	-1.80	0.72
-do- Acc	337.20	360.60	-2.10	0.72
Gilt Gth Tst	59.92	61.79†	+0.39	6.99
-do- Acc	77.62	79.84†	+0.50	6.99
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	341.18	362.96†	-3.49	2.82
-do- Acc	697.37	741.88†	-7.13	2.82
Euro Gth Dist	103.10	109.68	-0.76	0.94
-do- Acc	106.17	112.95	-0.79	0.94
Fixed Int Dist	128.53	135.95	+0.45	6.54
-do- Acc	215.92	228.39	+0.75	6.54
Intl Gth Dist	74.96	79.75	-0.77	0.78
-do- Acc	77.55	82.50	-0.79	0.78
Nth Amer Dist	159.89	169.37	-2.71	0.90
-do- Acc	173.39	183.68	-2.93	0.90
Pac Basin Dist	241.60	257.02	-3.57	0.15
-do- Acc	245.42	261.08	-3.63	0.15
Stewardship Dist	296.83	315.78†	-0.79	1.78
-do- Acc	353.91	376.50†	-0.94	1.78
Stwd Inc Dist	62.59	66.58†	-0.04	3.41
-do- Acc	77.26	82.19†	-0.05	3.41
N Am Stwd Dist	94.31	100.33	-1.11	...
-do- Acc	99.77	106.14	-1.17	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	137.90	147.50†	-1.30	...
European	398.00	423.00†	-1.70	1.01
Far East General	222.00	237.30	-1.50	0.30
Germany	94.17	99.63	-0.57	0.45
Global Assets In	66.33	70.70†	-0.20	2.28
Global Assets Ac	70.33	74.96	-0.22	2.23
Income Inc	118.80	127.10	+0.30	6.92
International	259.90	278.00	+0.40	1.00
Intl Income	77.04	81.89	-0.73	4.87
Japan General	360.70	385.30†	-2.40	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.89	50.15	+0.16	6.05
UK Capital Inc	161.90	173.20	-0.30	3.86
-do- Acc	277.00	296.30	-0.30	3.78
Uk Spec Sits	74.26	79.43	+0.09	1.60
US General	109.80	117.08†	-0.70	0.12
W wide Spec Sits	113.60	121.50	-0.30	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing 0277 264421. Services 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.40	46.42	-0.17	1.44
Cash Trust	128.60	128.60†	+0.01	5.35
Pract Inv Inc	101.29	108.62	...	4.00
-do- Acc	217.44	233.18	...	4.00
UK Smaller Cos	102.38	109.79	+0.40	1.03
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.36	27.12†	+0.02	7.85
High Inc	30.90	33.05†	+0.14	5.06
UK Equity Inc	125.46	134.18	-0.12	3.98
Global Bond	28.04	29.98	-0.19	5.24
International Funds				
Gold Intl	82.04	87.98	+1.22	0.95
Frontier Markets	40.59	43.53†	+0.01	0.41
Global Inc Gth	116.36	124.06†	-1.10	2.22
UK Intl	110.36	117.93	-0.33	0.41
Overseas Funds				
American	124.59	132.80	-0.99	0.50
European	79.62	84.44	-0.58	0.68
Euro Sel Opps	92.92	99.05	-0.49	0.84
American Emerg	76.97	82.54	-0.17	...
Hong Kong	112.97	121.15	-1.94	1.90
Japan	218.93	232.85	-0.46	...
Pacific Growth	152.74	163.80	-1.81	0.40
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	124.27	132.91	-0.99	0.37
American Gth	118.25	126.47	-1.25	...
European Gth	64.56	68.98	-0.92	0.42
German Horizon	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	76.05	81.30	-0.75	...
Pacific Inc	139.60	149.31	-1.06	2.85
Pacific Strategy	121.16	129.59	-1.15	0.25
UK Prog Inc	70.76	74.51	+0.06	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.24	49.76†	-0.42	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.39	47.48	+0.03	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9660				
Cash	131.00	131.00†	...	4.93
Gilt Fixed	117.80	125.00	+0.70	6.26
Growth Equity	278.80	297.80†	-1.30	2.23
Guardhill	415.90	444.30	-1.80	2.27
Income Trust	107.80	115.10	...	3.09
International	152.10	162.40	-1.30	0.37
Japan Trust	120.50	128.70	-0.50	...
Nth American	240.60	257.00†	-3.30	0.51
Pacific	364.60	389.90†	-5.90	...
European	335.60	358.50	+0.30	0.75
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.55	36.63	-0.10	1.68
-do- Acc	36.16	38.34	-0.10	1.68
Inc Adv Inc	29.08	30.83	...	4.18
-do- Acc	30.23	32.05	...	4.18
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	74.76	80.09	+0.26	0.96
Equity Income	109.20	116.20†	-0.70	3.55
European	128.70	136.20†	-0.50	1.16
Intl Situation	73.42	78.11	-0.83	...
Japanese	142.90	151.60	-0.40	...
North American	95.85	101.70†	-1.60	...
Scandinavian	114.00	120.90	-0.80	...
Smaller Cos	29.94	31.85	+0.01	2.01
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	85.15	91.01†	-0.52	...
Asian Enterprise	126.38	135.97	-0.31	0.90
Australian	131.81	140.90	-0.49	1.07
European	358.64	379.70†	-0.93	1.01
European Inc	68.40	72.37	-0.46	3.19
Euro Sml Co	120.36	128.33	-0.25	0.46
Extra Income	256.12	272.66	-0.76	4.77
Family of Funds	69.33	74.02	+0.14	1.27
Fixed Interest	54.75	58.55	+0.07	8.03
Global Resour	100.85	108.22	+1.78	0.68
High Inc	281.92	301.36†	-0.65	4.24
Income Gth	235.62	250.93	-0.96	3.57
-do- Acc	592.93	631.46	-2.43	3.57
International	223.66	238.11†	-0.96	0.83
Japan Spc Sit	231.59	246.33	-0.90	...
Japan	199.51	212.04	-0.90	...
N Amer	212.70	226.22	-1.27	0.22
Pacific Smllr Cos	183.67	197.51†	+0.03	0.40
Pref Gilt	44.90	48.78†	+0.09	8.61
Smaller Cos Div	161.92	176.48†	...	4.11
Special Sits	252.88	270.58	+0.32	1.71
-do- Acc	389.67	416.93	+0.49	1.71
Best of British	54.23	58.12†	-0.52	2.38
Spirit of the East	59.26	63.31†	-0.40	0.31
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.06	90.97	-0.76	2.49
Capital	152.60	163.20	-0.40	2.01
Dollar	293.80	314.20	-2.40	0.07
European	189.90	203.10	-2.60	0.59
Far East	231.90	248.00	-0.70	0.50
Financial	677.20	724.20†	-0.70	2.46
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.15	26.12	+0.03	8.16
High Yield	100.10	107.00	-0.40	4.72
Income	130.90	140.00	-1.10	3.77
Intl	206.80	221.10	-0.80	0.27
Japan Tech	68.82	73.60	-0.13	...
Nat Resources	58.71	62.79	+0.67	0.68
Security	289.61	309.70†	-1.50	2.15
Smaller Cos	109.30	116.80†	+0.20	1.49
Special Sits	134.10	143.40	-0.50	1.98
US Smaller Cos	63.04	67.42	-0.03	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	241.40	254.10	-1.80	1.41
Capital Gwth	98.94	104.10	...	2.55
Inv Trusts	...	...	...	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	24.33	26.66	...	1.55
Special Features	26.78	28.45	-0.16	1.64
-do- Acc	31.62	33.59	-0.19	1.64
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.90	55.55†	-0.24	1.93
Assets Earnings	69.12	73.44	-0.56	1.93
do Acc	81.23	86.30	-0.66	1.93
Managed Invest	84.97	90.79	-0.44	1.21
Rupert Children	73.43	78.32†	-0.74	1.85
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.55	50.55	+0.01	4.47
Extra Inc	77.44	82.94	-0.01	4.90
Gilt	27.50	28.97	+0.11	6.81
Income Gth	37.65	40.27†	-0.12	3.50
MIMstar	74.26	76.04†	+0.05	8.07
Preference	17.46	19.11†	+0.01	6.27
UK Income	300.20	320.90	-1.30	2.99
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	55.11	58.55	-0.05	1.29
Property Shares	62.14	66.02	-0.08	1.79
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	140.50	147.70†	-0.50	3.79
European Acc	106.70	113.10	-0.70	1.85
European Dist	101.60	107.60	-0.70	1.85
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.08	50.11	-0.29	0.93
European Perf	106.20	112.70	-0.30	1.07
-do- Acc	108.20	114.80	-0.30	1.07
Euro Small Cos	20.69	21.99	-0.04	0.76
French Growth	63.31	67.41	-0.36	0.55
-do- Acc	67.63	72.01	-0.39	0.55
Hong K/China	70.24	75.48	-1.33	1.65
Intl Growth	49.74	52.84	-0.39	0.66
-do- Acc	49.74	52.84	-0.39	0.66
Japan Perf	34.05	36.17	-0.18	...
Accum Units	34.05	36.17	-0.18	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.59	37.84	-0.26	...
Singapore Asean	78.54	84.96	-0.51	0.29
-do- Acc	79.03	85.49	-0.51	0.29
South East Asia	228.20	246.70	-1.20	0.97
US Smllr Cos	100.30	106.50	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	101.30	107.60	-0.80	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	81.86	87.20	-0.61	2.23
Intl Bond	55.94	56.70	-0.19	6.42
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.34	69.68†	...	5.11
Extra Income	51.53	54.82	-0.13	6.68
Gilt Yield	117.30	123.70	+0.40	7.45
Global Income	194.40	206.80†	-1.60	4.24
High Yield	129.70	138.00†	-0.53	5.99
Smllr Cos Div	47.26	50.28†	+0.13	4.16
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	85.47	90.93	-1.09	...
North American	72.37	76.99	-0.77	0.42
European	126.80	134.90	-0.40	0.87
Euro Special	75.95	80.80	-0.26	0.95
General	256.10	272.40	-1.50	3.27
Japan	416.70	443.30†	+1.80	...
Japanese Special	228.60	243.20	+1.50	...
Master Acc	210.50	223.90	-1.10	1.38
Pacific	261.30	278.00†	-1.50	0.58
Smaller Cos	97.51	103.70	-2.57	2.02
UK Equity Gth	34.34	36.53	-0.08	1.78
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	71.27	75.82	-0.44	0.93
Extra Income	23.50	25.00	-0.19	3.21
Far East	26.48	28.17	-0.37	0.98
Income Gwth	71.31	75.86	+0.41	2.80
Intl Growth	50.00	53.19	-0.48	0.72
Japan	63.39	67.44	-0.53	...
Maximum Dist*	99.61	101.60†	+0.10	6.86
N Amer Equity	36.93	39.29†	+0.36	0.27
UK Equity	84.84	90.29†	-0.68	3.04
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.37	55.71	-0.47	4.49
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	415.30	441.80	-3.70	2.60
Equity Acc	788.40	838.70	-6.00	2.93
Equity Income	89.65	95.37	-0.56	5.18
European	92.18	98.06	-0.63	1.74
Far Eastern	180.30	191.80	-0.10	0.30
Fixed Interest	50.86	54.11	+0.11	6.45
Gilt	88.70	94.06†	+0.27	6.54
Global Growth	64.18	68.28†	-0.35	0.76
Intl Bond	54.80	58.30	-0.45	4.87
Japanese	68.54	72.91	-0.28	...
Overseas Equity	93.17	99.12	-0.43	0.80
Pacific Gth	85.46	90.91	+0.06	1.23
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	305.50	325.10†	-3.20	2.96
-do- Acc	671.00	713.90	-7.20	2.96
Contl Euro Gth	48.70	51.27	-0.36	1.55
-do- Acc	51.50	54.22	-0.37	1.55
Extra Inc	234.10	249.10	+2.60	3.70
-do- Acc	578.90	615.90	+6.50	3.70
German Gth	97.40	102.60	-1.40	0.32
-do- Acc	102.20	107.60	-1.50	0.32
Growth Port	481.70	512.50	-2.60	0.82
-do- Acc	481.70	512.50	-2.60	0.82
Income	439.90	468.00†	-2.60	3.60
-do- Acc	1128.0	1201.0	-7.00	3.60
Income Port	480.50	511.20†	-1.10	4.45
-do- Acc	485.20	516.20	-1.00	4.45
Japan Growth	93.84	99.83	-0.37	0.01
-do- Acc	94.17	100.20	-0.30	0.01
Master Trust	50.90	54.15	-0.32	1.59
-do- Acc	55.36	58.90	-0.34	1.59
N American Gen	173.70	184.80	-3.70	0.01
-do- Acc	200.60	213.50	-4.20	0.01
Nam Sm Co Rec	131.80	140.30	-1.30	0.01
-do- Acc	134.50	143.10	-1.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	197.60	210.30	-3.00	0.55
-do- Acc	208.90	222.30	-3.20	0.55
Small Cos Rec	299.20	315.00†	+0.40	2.29
-do- Acc	389.60	410.20	+0.70	2.29
UK Growth	76.72	81.62	-0.53	2.27
-do- Acc	89.46	95.18	-0.61	2.27
Worldwide Gth	267.30	284.40	-2.60	0.21
-do- Acc	393.80	419.00	-3.90	0.21
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	75.31	80.81†	-0.55	3.10
Income	59.55	63.89	-0.11	5.70
International	55.48	59.53	-0.61	0.80
American	57.12	61.29	-0.80	0.40
Japan	32.96	36.82	-0.48	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	54.89	58.68†	...	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	372.60	393.30	-0.50	0.85
-do- Acc	459.70	485.30	-0.60	0.85
American Rec	397.20	420.00†	-4.70	0.22
-do- Acc	455.20	481.20	-5.30	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	114.40	121.00	-0.40	0.04
Australia Acc	151.10	159.90	+0.70	1.19
Capital	646.50	683.70	-1.10	2.59
-do- Acc	713.30	754.40	-1.20	2.59
Commodity Acc	424.00	448.50	+3.30	0.76
Compnd Gth	799.50	845.50	-2.20	2.97
Dividend	34.30	36.30†	...	4.23
-do- Acc	135.90	143.80	...	4.23
Equity Inc	292.30	309.10	+0.60	4.78
European Div	58.10	61.40	...	4.39
-do- Acc	65.70	69.40	...	4.39
European Gen	372.10	393.50	...	1.63
-do- Acc	464.80	491.60	...	1.63
Extra Yield	370.60	391.90	+0.90	4.35
-do- Acc	1083.6	1146.0	+2.70	4.35
Far Eastern	296.60	313.70	-1.20	0.55
-do- Acc	390.20	412.60	-1.70	0.55
Fund of Inv	485.80	513.70†	+0.40	2.26
-do- Acc	886.10	937.10	+0.80	2.26
General	52.60	55.60	...	3.63
-do- Acc	138.60	146.60	...	3.63
Gilt Fxd Int	60.10	60.10†	...	7.99
do Acc	151.10	151.20	-0.10	7.99
Gold	56.80	60.10	+3.40	0.79
-do- Acc	66.40	70.30	+3.90	0.79
High Inc	24.80	26.20	+0.10	4.57
-do- Acc	91.70	96.90	...	4.57
Intl Growth	67.00	70.90	-0.20	0.91
-do- Acc	115.50	122.30	-0.20	0.91
Intl Inc	91.10	96.30†	+0.10	4.57
Japan Gen Acc	49.20	51.90	-0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	146.20	154.50	-0.60	...
Midland	52.50	55.50†	+0.10	3.37
-do- Acc	167.90	177.70	+0.40	3.37
Recovery	35.90	38.00	+0.10	2.79
-do- Acc	56.40	59.70	...	2.79
Second Gen	60.50	64.00	...	3.52
-do- Acc	148.00	156.60	...	3.52
Smaller Cos	58.50	61.90	+0.10	3.21
-do- Acc	110.90	117.40	+0.20	3.21
Trustee	38.30	40.50†	...	3.83
Charifund 3	1108.39	...†	...	9.95
Charifund 2	611.60	623.90†	+0.80	5.22
Pension ex 1	824.40	845.10†	-3.60	4.31
NAACIF Inc 3	344.42	...†	...	8.02
-do- Acc 3	11075.6	...	+1.70	8.02
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680064				
Inv Port Inc	133.00	142.20	-0.56	2.05
-do- Acc	147.70	158.00	-0.56	2.05
UK Income	111.90	119.60	-0.50	2.66
-do- Acc	124.70	133.40	-0.50	2.66
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	77.58	82.97	-0.24	0.82
Far East (Pacific)	136.00	144.30	-1.20	0.66
Income Growth	69.67	73.95†	-0.13	3.15
European	64.97	68.97	-0.26	1.31
Nth American	54.69	58.05	-0.51	1.05
UK Growth	73.17	77.67	+0.05	1.66
Intl Growth	91.74	97.38†	-0.59	0.67
Charities	105.60	112.00†	-0.20	3.80
Intl Income	66.58	70.67	-0.25	4.27
Japan	52.28	55.49	-0.62	0.08
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	179.00	189.90	-3.30	...
-do- Acc	191.30	203.00	-3.50	...
Cash	100.40	100.40†	...	5.62
-do- Acc	129.20	129.20†	...	5.62
European Gth	185.70	196.90	-0.80	0.81
-do- Acc	198.80	210.90	-0.60	0.81
General	447.50	477.30†	-4.00	2.54
-do- Acc	851.10	907.80†	-7.60	2.54
Global Dist	128.30	134.90†	-1.10	5.41
-do- Acc	143.60	150.90†	-1.30	5.41
Income	133.10	142.00	-0.50	4.80
-do- Acc	196.30	209.40	-0.90	4.80
International	370.50	394.60	-5.00	0.71
-do- Acc	491.50	523.40	-6.70	0.71
Japan	177.50	188.30	-1.70	...
-do- Acc	182.20	193.40	-1.60	...
New Europe	133.80	142.30	-0.20	1.82
-do- Acc	136.00	145.10	-0.20	1.82
Recovery	286.00	305.10	-1.20	2.94
-do- Acc	361.50	385.70	-1.60	2.94
European Inc	71.91	76.40	-0.60	3.19
-do- Acc	91.23	96.92	-0.70	3.19
Brit Blue Chip	70.00	74.56†	-0.72	3.38
-do- Acc	82.55	87.93†	-0.86	3.38
Portfolio	71.76	76.31†	-0.55	2.97
-do- Acc	81.59	86.77†	-0.62	2.97
Gold General	118.10	127.00	+5.50	0.74
-do- Acc	119.70	128.80	+5.70	0.74
Pacific	90.24	96.26	-1.40	0.87
-do- Acc	95.34	101.70	-1.50	0.87
UK Smaller Cos	51.26	54.68†	+0.03	2.07
-do- Acc	57.20	61.02†	+0.03	2.07
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 876				
Balanced Dist	55.91	59.80	-0.09	3.03
-do- Acc	56.77	60.72	-0.09	3.03
British Dist	75.15	80.37	-0.62	2.04
-do- Acc	85.07	90.98	-0.70	2.04
European Gth	162.20	173.30†	-1.30	0.32
-do- Acc	203.80	217.80	-1.50	0.32
Extra High Inc	67.41	72.10	-0.06	6.29
-do- Acc	118.60	126.80	-0.10	6.29
FT-SE 100 Index	47.43	50.73	-0.48	2.66
-do- Acc	47.43	50.73	-0.48	2.66
Gilt Fixed Int	56.43	57.70	-0.11	6.84
-do- Acc	143.80	151.80	+0.30	6.84
High Yield	210.70	225.30†	-0.50	4.68
-do- Acc	494.60	529.00	-1.20	4.68
Income	272.60	291.50	-1.40	3.51
-do- Acc	566.50	605.90	-3.00	3.51
Japan Gth	330.70	353.70	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	349.00	373.30	-0.20	...
Mandarin Acc	95.93	102.60	-0.40	1.19
North American	157.90	168.90†	-1.50	0.53
-do- Acc	199.20	213.00	-1.90	0.53
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	252.20	268.80	-1.50	...
Deposit Inc	100.01	100.01	+0.01	5.29
Deposit Acc	122.31	122.31	+0.01	5.29
Euro Gth Acc	266.10	285.00	+0.70	...
Europa	120.10	128.90	-0.30	...
Intl Gth	163.80	175.30†	-1.70	...
Japan Tracker	73.47	77.84†	-0.11	...
UK Equity Inc	144.20	155.30†	-0.70	4.23
-do- Acc	176.80	190.40†	-0.70	4.23
UK Ind Tracker	139.90	149.80	-1.10	3.22
US Eq Ind Trkr	181.90	193.90	-2.80	1.51
-do- Acc	192.40	204.10	-2.90	1.51
Asian Trader	156.00	168.80†	-2.60	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	157.80	161.50	-2.00	2.42
European	58.44	59.53	-0.38	1.20
Olympiad	52.61	54.05	-0.12	0.28
Global Bond	46.27	46.78†	+0.08	6.67
Smaller Cos	63.81	66.66†	-0.45	1.31
Equity Income	90.53	93.03	-0.54	5.08
UK Growth	80.48	82.82†	-0.36	2.16
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	44.47	47.43	-0.86	1.01
Australian Acc	279.80	300.30	-2.50	...
Conscience	61.81	65.96	-1.21	1.08
-do- Acc	66.38	70.84	-1.29	1.08
European	159.60	170.20†	-1.10	1.14
-do- Acc	171.70	183.10	-1.30	1.14
Extra Income	70.77	75.52	-0.17	5.88
-do- Acc	107.40	114.60	-0.20	5.88
Far East Gth	161.80	172.80	-1.20	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.21	60.56	+0.21	6.41
Gold	44.42	47.76	+1.59	...
-do- Acc	47.83	51.43	+1.71	...
Income	50.97	54.36	-0.22	5.17
-do- Acc	152.80	162.90	-0.70	5.17
International	28.54	30.62	-0.22	1.08
-do- Acc	41.00	43.99	-0.33	1.08
Jap Sm Cos Acc	329	350.90	+0.70	...
S pore Mly Acc	180.20	193.20	+1.40	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.76	26.42	+0.01	2.07
Special Sits	31.51	33.88†	-0.19	1.80
-do- Acc	36.29	39.02	-0.22	1.80
Tokyo	82.30	87.80	+0.24	...
-do- Acc	83.15	88.69	+0.25	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.08	70.30	-0.27	2.83
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.90	77.15	+0.05	7.21
N&P Higher Inc	191.50	203.80	-0.20	4.48
N&P UK Income	97.62	103.86†	-0.46	3.91
N&P Intl	84.63	90.25†	-0.08	1.80
N&P Smaller Cos	74.04	78.77	-0.05	1.55
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	157.68	167.75†	-0.89	2.33
Global	273.17	290.61†	-2.51	1.14
Growth	104.51	111.19†	-0.45	2.55
Income	194.51	206.93†	-0.48	4.40
Intl Bond	121.91	129.45†	-0.19	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	133.90	140.90†	-1.10	2.59
-do- Acc	237.50	249.90	-2.10	2.59
Income	212.50	226.10†	-1.30	3.65
Intl Equity	213.70	227.30	-1.90	0.92
-do- Acc	234.00	248.80	-2.10	0.92
Equity	212.80	226.40	-2.00	2.45
-do- Acc	431.50	458.90	-4.20	2.45
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.39	71.69	-0.61	1.96
UK Income	59.13	62.90	-0.32	3.17
UK Smllr Co Acc	71.96	76.55	-0.08	1.50
New Europe Acc	58.65	62.39	-0.39	1.53
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	91.29	97.64	-0.71	0.08
PEP Gth Inc	97.33	104.10	-0.60	1.20
Intl Gth	463.16	495.36	-2.13	0.79
Income	288.48	308.54†	-3.82	3.30
W wide Recov	295.23	315.76	-1.36	0.38
American Gth	193.66	207.13	-1.93	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	180.22	192.75	-0.57	0.07
Far East Gth	211.33	226.03	+1.45	0.05
European Gth	108.00	115.55	-0.94	1.31
UK Growth	74.05	79.20	-0.55	2.97
High Income	80.64	86.25	-0.37	4.58
Japanese Gth	212.18	225.44	+1.48	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	167.40	178.10†	-1.70	0.90
High Income	104.80	111.50†	-0.30	3.74
Conv Gilt	106.60	113.50†	...	6.53
Far East	298.80	317.90	-2.30	0.39
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	47.56	50.60	-0.20	0.22
Emerging Mkts	59.68	63.49	-0.21	0.60
General	46.33	49.29	-0.35	3.26
International	79.87	84.97†	-0.98	1.42
Gilt Units	24.87	25.64†	+0.08	7.51
Global PEP	33.51	35.65†	-0.23	2.15
Income Gth	62.96	66.98†	-0.49	4.89
European	40.86	43.47	-0.16	0.70
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.57	27.20	+0.01	5.75
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd TR**	30.39	32.49	-0.19	1.04
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.92	100.92†	+0.01	5.30
-do- Acc	105.03	105.03†	+0.01	5.30
Pru Equity	638.12	682.48†	-5.27	2.48
Pru Equity Inc	77.01	82.36†	-0.24	4.67
Pru European	165.77	177.29	-1.23	1.46
Pru Global Gth	76.78	82.11	-0.60	1.57
Pru High Inc	84.20	90.05†	-0.23	5.71
Pru Intl	155.89	166.72	-1.48	1.30
Pru Intl Sm Co	66.32	70.93†	+0.18	0.91
Pru Japanese	194.62	208.14†	-0.54	...
Pru Nth Amer	134.70	144.06	-1.41	0.49
Pru Pacific Mkt	74.11	79.26	-1.02	1.78
Pru Premr Inc	48.30	50.30†	+0.10	7.61
Pru Smllr Cos	81.08	86.71†	+0.13	2.00
Pru Spec Sits	95.76	102.41	-0.76	2.26
Pru UK Gwth	106.86	114.28†	-0.90	2.37
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	149.20	160.73†	-1.55	3.65
NC Japan	264.13	283.10	+0.17	...
NC Mkt UK Cos	90.57	97.34	-1.23	2.54
NC America Inc	455.79	488.89	-6.28	0.78
-do- Acc	529.41	567.85	-7.29	0.78
NC Smlr UK Cos	257.36	281.02	+0.46	1.55
NC European	242.71	259.37	-0.83	1.44
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	69.35	73.77†	-0.58	3.82
Capital Units	140.60	149.50	-0.30	1.31
Commodity	104.90	111.50	+1.80	1.17
European Gth	147.10	156.40	+0.40	1.36
Financial Sec	164.80	175.30†	...	1.92
High Return	210.30	223.70	-0.30	4.45
High Yield	200.80	213.60	-0.70	4.09
Income Units	106.40	113.10	-0.50	4.86
Investment	169.40	180.20†	+0.40	1.15
Japan Gth	150.10	159.60	-0.40	...
Japan Smaller	184.80	196.50†	-1.00	...
Masterfund	45.60	48.51	-0.05	0.93
Scotbits	242.40	257.80	...	1.63
Scotshares	246.50	262.20†	+0.30	2.35
Scotyields	218.70	232.60	-0.70	3.98
Select Intl	125.70	133.70†	-0.70	0.74
Smaller Cos	224.80	239.10	-0.20	4.03
Special Situation	107.90	114.70	-0.10	0.84
UK Equity	220.20	234.20	-0.80	2.86
US Growth	132.20	140.60	-0.70	0.40
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	226.06	241.13†	-1.35	0.51
-do- Acc	244.90	261.22	-1.46	0.51
Australian	122.64	130.81	-0.27	0.82
-do- Acc	144.18	153.79	-0.31	0.82
UK Enterprise	203.40	216.95	-0.42	2.43
-do- Acc	234.96	250.62	-0.49	2.43
European Gth	58.55	62.27	-0.39	1.41
-do- Acc	60.61	64.46	-0.41	1.41
Euro Smllr Cos	54.39	57.91	-0.31	0.39
-do- Acc	54.77	58.31	-0.31	0.39
Far Eastern Gth	69.79	74.44	+0.33	...
-do- Acc	70.92	75.64	+0.34	...
Fixed Interest	51.71	54.53	+0.16	6.86
-do- Acc	62.90	66.22	+0.19	6.86
Gilt Income	100.85	106.27	+0.44	7.55
-do- Acc	140.85	148.42	+0.62	7.55
Income	305.42	325.78	-0.97	4.04
-do- Acc	930.90	980.95	-2.88	4.04
Japan Enterprise	66.95	71.41†	+0.47	...
-do- Acc	66.95	71.41	+0.47	...
Japan Smllr Cos	458.26	488.26	-3.15	...
-do- Acc	458.66	489.24	-3.15	...
Pacific Gth	90.70	96.74	-1.32	0.21
-do- Acc	93.39	99.61	-1.36	0.21
Smaller Cos	187.49	199.98	+0.22	0.92
-do- Acc	214.87	229.19	+0.26	0.92
Tokyo	105.30	112.31	+0.26	...
-do- Acc	106.36	113.45	+0.27	...
UK Equity	203.13	216.67	-0.84	2.71
-do- Acc	378.18	403.25	-1.55	2.71
US Smllr Cos	127.94	136.46†	-0.44	...
-do- Acc	127.94	136.46	-0.44	...
World Fd	68.40	72.98	-0.26	1.61
-do- Acc	72.11	76.91	-0.27	1.61
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	45.05	47.98	+0.09	4.43
Equity Strategy	63.98	68.14	+0.32	1.21
European Opps	68.99	73.47	-0.19	3.32
Maximum Inc	98.86	101.41	+0.01	5.98
UK Smaller Cos	50.82	54.12	+0.52	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	337.30	360.30	-3.40	2.79
American	233.30	247.60	-1.50	0.94
Pacific	322.90	345.30	-1.80	0.67
European	433.70	463.90	-3.60	1.26
Worldwide	77.59	82.98	-0.67	1.17
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	296.10	315.00	-2.70	2.58
UK Sm Cos Eqty	205.40	218.60	+0.90	1.66
European	317.50	337.80†	-2.10	2.19
North American	238.10	253.30†	-2.60	0.55
Income Plus Inc	63.60	67.67	-0.17	3.67
UK Spec Sits	66.02	70.24	-0.36	2.23
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.99	26.75†	-0.18	2.88
Intl Growth Acc	28.24	30.23†	-0.18	1.19
Global Inc Acc	30.09	32.21	-0.19	3.76
Market Ldrs Acc	25.58	27.38	-0.16	2.80
SG TOUCHE REMNANT 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 410 4020				
American Gth	77.21	82.57	-0.73	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.10	46.88†	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	46.69	49.64	-0.10	...
Far East Opps	31.75	34.15	-0.36	...
-do- Acc	32.62	35.08	-0.38	...
General Growth	97.09	103.90	-0.90	2.03
Global Tech	117.90	127.50†	+1.10	...
Income Growth	100.60	108.20	-0.20	3.46
Income Monthly	56.55	60.48	-0.12	4.26
Japan Growth	80.16	85.33	+0.12	...
Overseas Gth	72.74	77.41†	-0.34	...
Smaller Cos	71.81	77.21†	+0.04	1.59
Special Opps	102.00	109.60	+0.40	2.11
Wld Spec Sits	46.48	50.20	-0.34	...
-do- Acc	46.58	50.31	-0.34	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	193.96	...	-0.75	...
Global Bond	194.46	...	+0.40	7.50
Japan Samurai	194.78	...	-0.16	...
UK Growth	195.45	...	+0.80	4.14
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.12	45.82	-0.10	1.74
Equity Gth Acc	58.31	61.96	+0.20	1.70
UK Eq General	40.97	43.54	-0.10	2.26
-do- Acc	54.17	57.56	-0.20	2.26
European Acc	39.86	42.36	...	1.20
Far East Acc	54.13	57.52	-0.30	0.19
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.52	31.22†	...	6.84
N American Acc	41.21	43.79	...	0.84
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	268.20	291.00	-0.60	1.50
UK Eq High Inc	34.31	36.46†	-0.10	3.89
-do- Acc	40.75	43.30	-0.10	3.89
UK Lgr Cos Inc	281.80	305.80	-0.80	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Acc	366.90	398.10	-0.70	3.85
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$23.59	NZ$23.81	+0.008	1.20
US Eq	$2.058	$2.184	-0.032	0.80
Far East Eq	Y245.6	Y258.8	-5.60	...
Japan Eq	Y245.3	Y260.6	-4.00	...
FT Europe	109.20	115.90	-0.70	2.19
FT North Am	$1.687	$1.788	-0.014	1.09
FT Japan	Y237.6	Y252.4	-1.90	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.883	$2.004	+0.016	1.60
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	325.20	346.00	-1.10	0.32
British	916.00	969.10	-1.00	4.36
European	384.10	409.10	-3.10	1.44
Japan	142.10	151.00	-0.70	...
New Pacific	290.00	308.90	-2.20	1.29
Mngd Cash	95.83	95.83	...	5.05
Majority Stg	100.01	101.01	+0.01	4.80
Inv Tst	182.50	193.40	-0.20	1.84
Saints PEP	366.90	382.60	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	712.00	761.50	-4.70	2.71
N America Acc	109.40	117.00	-1.00	0.09
Far East Acc	120.80	129.20	-0.50	...
W wide Bond	59.29	62.94†	-0.40	5.44
European	81.12	86.76	-0.48	0.7
Equity Income	80.37	85.96	-0.46	3.15
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.74	35.02	-0.53	0.63
Managed Assets	115.77	123.82	-1.02	3.28
UK Income	35.94	38.44	-0.33	3.08
UK Growth	35.49	37.96	-0.41	2.34
Worldwide Gth	29.85	31.93†	-0.34	0.38
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	194.53	206.95	-1.21	0.14
-do- Acc	213.66	227.30	-1.33	0.14
British Gth	83.52	88.85	-0.80	1.87
-do- Acc	98.27	104.54	-0.94	1.87
European	93.68	99.66	+0.86	0.97
-do- Acc	98.82	105.13	+0.92	0.97
Extra Inc	182.67	194.33	-0.64	3.90
-do- Acc	291.40	310.00	-1.02	3.90
General Unit	254.08	270.30	-2.09	2.52
-do- Acc	501.35	533.36	-4.14	2.52
Income	318.19	338.50	-0.85	3.51
-do- Acc	648.11	689.48	-1.71	3.51
International	468.43	498.33†	-1.92	0.53
-do- Acc	613.18	652.32†	-2.51	0.53
Pacific	330.38	351.47	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	346.01	368.09	-0.43	...
Premier Income	49.87	51.95†	...	6.31
-do- Acc	103.99	108.32†	+0.02	6.31
Nat Resources	117.15	124.62†	+1.39	0.30
-do- Acc	128.48	136.68†	+1.52	0.30
Selected Opps	95.18	101.26	+1.04	1.22
-do- Acc	119.23	126.84	+1.30	1.22
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	73.14	78.01	-0.31	...
-do- Acc	75.42	80.44	-0.31	...
Cash	50.49	50.49	...	6.24
-do- Acc	61.60	61.60	...	6.24
European Opps	58.42	62.21	-0.46	0.47
-do- Acc	59.03	62.85	-0.47	0.47
Far East Opps	149.21	159.15	-0.18	...
-do- Acc	152.68	162.85	-0.10	...
Gold/Nat. Res	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Japan	82.68	88.01†	-0.19	...
-do- Acc	82.68	88.01†	-0.3	...
Little Dragons	68.96	73.53†	-0.50	0.16
-do- Acc	71.12	75.86†	-0.52	0.16
Oriental Income	42.75	45.59	-0.10	3.69
-do- Acc	54.68	58.11	-0.15	3.69
Tiger	210.62	224.66†	-2.26	1.17
-do- Acc	221.87	236.66†	-2.36	1.17
UK Small Cos	72.33	77.35	-0.74	2.05
-do- Acc	84.39	90.25	-0.87	2.05
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	17.82	18.95	+0.55	0.80
Pacific Basin	30.47	32.41	-0.48	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.45	37.71	-0.26	...
Global Bond	$0.969	$1.009	+0.003	7.37
Penny Share	24.07	25.60	-0.12	1.59
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.70	52.70	+0.01	5.49
Gilt Growth	65.32	67.98	+0.34	...
Gilt Income	51.43	53.53	+0.12	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	106.00	107.40†	+0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.714	$0.723	-0.000	...
Challenger	89.73	91.82	-0.07	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.11	70.32	-0.42	2.10

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	15,000	Carlton Cms	547	Land Secs	951	Scot Hydro	156
Abbey Natl	2,200	Coats Viyella	743	Legal & Gn	1,400	Scot & New	1,900
Alld-Lyons	5,800	Cm Union	502	Lloyds Bk	1,800	Scot Power	2,600
Anglian W	132	Courtaulds	661	MB Cardn	734	Sears	1,300
Argyll Gp	4,700	De La Rue	677	Mrks Spncr	7,100	Svrn Trent	1,200
Arjo Wiggn	3,500	Eng China	1,200	NFC	359	Shell Trans	5,400
AB Foods	174	Emerpr Oil	638	NatWst Bk	4,000	Siebe	1,400
BAA	336	Fisons	3,400	Nat Power	656	SmKl Bch	2,100
BAT Inds	5,700	Forte	3,000	Nth Wst W	1,000	Smith Nph	2,300
BOC	839	GRE	1,400	Nthrn Fds	2,600	Sthrn Elec	500
BP	7,600	GUS A	314	P & O	1,600	Std Chartd	372
BT	8,900	Gen Acc	236	Pearson	1,500	Sun Allnce	2,000
BTR	2,200	Gen Elec	5,100	PowerGen	430	TI Gp	2,800
Bk of Scot	465	Glaxo	6,700	Prudential	8,500	TSB	3,100
Barclays	3,900	Granada	1,400	RTZ	2,400	Tate & Lyle	621
Bass	11,000	Grand Met	4,300	Rank Org	1,400	Tesco	4,800
Blue Circle	2,900	Guinness	4,400	Reckitt Col	1,600	Thames W	1,400
Boots	1,300	HSBC	2,100	Redland	2,000	Thrn EMI	460
Bowater	1,900	Hanson	11,000	Reed Intl	897	Tomkins	2,900
Brit Airwys	2,100	ICI	1,000	Rentokil	557	Unilever	2,900
Brit Gas	4,300	Inchcape	1,700	Reuters	933	Utd Bisc	2,200
Brit Steel	5,000	Kingfisher	1,500	Rothmans	182	Vodafone	3,600
Burmah Cast	569	Kwfl. Save	590	Ryl Ins	1,500	Wellcome	2,900
Cable Wire	1,200	LASMO	2,800	Ryl Bk Scot	2,100	Whitbd 'A'	2,000
Cadbury	2,500	Ladbroke	6,400	Sainsbury	1,100	Wlms Hld	2,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3436.09 (-8.30)
S&P Composite .... 439.52 (-0.80)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20380.79 (+151.40)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7093.88 (-55.42)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 104.2 (-2.1)

Sydney: AO .... 1682.6 (+4.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1617.41 (-11.07)

FT 30 share: .... 2194.4 (-22.3)

Brussels:
General .... 6108.26 (-0.77)

Paris: CAC .... 506.52 (+1.01)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 494.7 (+1.2)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1393.51 (-10.23)
FT 500 .... 1517.19 (-11.87)
FT Gold Mines .... 185.6 (+20.0)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.07 (+0.14)
FT Govt Secs .... 94.90 (+0.34)
Bargains 28436
SEAQ Volume 647.5m
USM (Datastrm) .... 136.80 (+0.04)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 17	May 28	August 12	August 23

Call options were taken out on 19/5/93: ASDA, Butte Mining, Cluff Res, Gartmore Emerging, HTV, Hartstone, YJ Lovell, Micropvitec, Millwall, Monarch Res, Porter Chadburn, Psion, Rothmans Intl 'B', Tadpole. Puts: Goldsmiths.
Puts & Calls: Division, Greenwich Res.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 50393	Jun 93	2859.0	2862.0	2818.0	2821.0	15273
	Sep 93	2865.5	2865.5	2842.0	2844.5	1150
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 305933	Jun 93	93.98	94.00	93.94	93.97	10841
	Sep 93	93.98	94.07	93.96	94.05	37146
	Dec 93	93.90	93.99	93.90	93.97	7292
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 17466	Jun 93	96.70	96.71	96.70	96.71	551
	Sep 93	96.56	96.57	96.54	96.55	1230
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 563450	Jun 93	92.86	92.91	92.77	92.78	31752
	Sep 93	93.64	93.68	93.54	93.54	63306
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 1	Jun 93				109-18	0
	Sep 93				108-10	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 79426	Jun 93	104-02	104-14	104-01	104-11	49107
	Sep 93	103-05	103-16	103-05	103-13	384
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.03	107.21	106.95	107.21	175
	Sep 93	106.08	106.33	106.04	106.29	1818
German Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 165335	Jun 93	94.38	94.50	94.06	94.19	118507
	Sep 93	94.59	94.72	94.33	94.42	4183
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 24195	Jun 93	92.41	92.50	92.41	92.43	2282
	Sep 93	93.09	93.17	93.09	93.11	1060
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 39589	Jun 93	95.01	95.04	94.94	94.95	3685
	Sep 93	95.38	95.43	95.31	95.34	2461
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 39971	Jun 93	99.52	99.92	99.26	99.53	24182
	Sep 93	99.40	99.69	99.10	99.33	139

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.5 (day's range 80.3-80.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7834-2.8097	2.8054-2.8097	¼-⅛ds	½-⅜ds
Brussels	51.11-51.59	51.43-51.51	2-6ds	9-16ds
Copenhagen	9.5230-9.6360	9.6130-9.6360	1⅜-2⅞ds	4½-6⅛ds
Dublin	1.0210-1.0235	1.0215-1.0233	10-15ds	30-40ds
Frankfurt	2.4877-2.5060	2.5027-2.5060	¼-⅛ds	⅜-⅞ds
Lisbon	236.30-238.70	237.60-238.70	130-188ds	396-492ds
Madrid	190.58-191.29	190.92-191.29	88-107ds	245-285ds
Milan	2256.30-2276.00	2269.80-2276.00	7-10ds	25-27ds
Montreal	1.9450-1.9581	1.9522-1.9544	0.31-0.20pr	0.49-0.31pr
New York	1.5370-1.5455	1.5410-1.5420	0.40-0.38pr	1.11-1.09pr
Oslo	10.5160-10.6040	10.5710-10.5950	⅜-1⅞ds	2⅛-3⅝ds
Paris	8.3810-8.4480	8.4340-8.4480	⅞-1⅛ds	2⅝-3⅞ds
Stockholm	11.2890-11.3890	11.3650-11.3890	1⅜-3⅛ds	5⅛-7⅛ds
Tokyo	169.15-171.75	170.43-170.63	⅛-⅜pr	1⅛-1⅝pr
Vienna	17.49-17.66	17.59-17.63	⅞-1⅞ds	3⅛-6⅞ds
Zurich	2.2602-2.2743	2.2711-2.2743	⅛-⅛pr	⅜-⅞pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5381-1.5407
Australia dollar	2.2199-2.2231
Bahrain dinar	0.573-0.585
Brazil cruzeiro *	58216.2-58236.7
Cyprus pound	0.735-0.745
Finland marka	8.4545-8.5705
Greece drachma	334.25-341.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.9042-11.9135
India rupee	47.66-48.62
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4575-0.4675
Malaysia ringgit	3.9513-3.9555
Mexico peso	4.72-4.82
New Zealand dollar	2.8547-2.8620
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6945-5.8205
Singapore dollar	2.4839-2.4871
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0737-7.1555
S Africa rand (com)	4.8911-4.8967
U A E dirham	5.5755-5.6995

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4419-1.4430
Austria	11.39-11.40
Belgium (Com)	33.30-33.32
Canada	1.2669-1.2674
Denmark	6.21-6.22
France	5.462-5.467
Germany	1.6225-1.6235
Hong Kong	7.7275-7.7285
Ireland	1.5070-1.5085
Italy	1471.5-1473.5
Japan	110.50-110.55
Malaysia	2.5675-2.5685
Netherlands	1.8175-1.8190
Norway	6.85-6.86
Portugal	153.3-154.3
Singapore	1.614-1.615
Spain	123.55-123.65
Sweden	7.353-7.363
Switzerland	1.4732-1.4742

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5¾ Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5¹¹⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 5¹¹⁄₁₆ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅝ ; 3 mth: 5⅝ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛
Interbank:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛

Overnight: open 6⅛, close 6 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆	n/a	6	6	6¼
Sterling CDs:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	6⅛-6
Dollar CDs:	3.10-3.07	n/a	3.17-3.14	3.28-3.25	3.57-3.54
Building Society CDs:	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1993. Agreed rates May 26, 1993 to June 22, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.26%. Reference rate April 1, 1993 to April 30, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.018%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	7⅜-7¼	7⅛-7	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	8⁵⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	7¹⁵⁄₁₆-7¹³⁄₁₆	7⅞-7⅝	7⅛-7	8⅛-7⅞
Swiss Franc:	5⁵⁄₁₆-5¹⁄₁₆	5⅜-5⅛	5⅛-5	4⅞-4⅝	5⅛-4⅞
Yen:	3⅛-3	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3¹⁄₁₆	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $379.25-379.75 Close: $377.80-378.80 High: $384.50-385.00
Low: $373.50-374.00 Krugerrand: $378.00-381.00 (£245.00-247.00)
Sovereigns: Old $88.00-91.00 (£55.00-57.00) New $88.00-91.00 (£55.00-57.00)
Platinum: $391.25 (£254.20) Silver: $4.56 (£2.96) Palladium: $122.00 (£79.25)

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	500	34	47	53	13	20	28
(*530)	550	10	23	30	45	48	55
Argyll	300	17	24	30	16	21	25
(*303)	330	6	13	18	37	40	42
ASDA	67	8	10½	-	4	7½	-
(*69½)	76	4	7	-	9	12½	-
Boots	420	40	53	57	8	14	20
(*447)	460	17	29	36	36	33	38
Br Airways	280	31	40	44	7	11	17
(*299½)	300	16	28	33	15	20	26
BP	300	22	29	34	11	16	22
(*306½)	330	8	15	20	28	33	38
Br Steel	90	12	16	19	4½	7	8½
(*98½)	100	6	11	14	9	12	14
C & W	700	38	57	67	25	35	43
(*715)	750	16	34	44	57	63	69
CU	580	28	33	-	21	34	-
(*574)	629	5	17	-	50	67	-
Courtauld	550	13½	27	37	41	48	54
(*526½)	600	3½	13	21	84	87	91
ICI	1250	57	76	102	49	76	90
(*1249)	1300	35	55	74	77	107	117
Kingfishr	584	36	49	-	17	30	-
(*606½)	632	13	27	-	47	56	-
Land Sec	500	61	61	61	4½	9	13
(*553)	550	14	27	34	22	29	34
M & S	330	20	31	37	8½	14	18
(*346)	360	6½	17	23	28	30	34
Nat West	460	30	39	49	14	26	31
(*466½)	500	12	20	32	38	49	55
Sainsbury	420	44	54	60	8	15	18
(*459)	460	18	31	38	24	30	34
Shell	600	27	37	45	15	27	31
(*606)	650	7	15½	25	48	57	61
Smkl Bch	460	38	52	62	18	29	36
(*475)	500	17	32	43	40	50	56
Storehse	200	13	21	25	14	18	24
(*200½)	220	6	14	17	27	31	35
Trafalgar	92	10½	16	-	6	8½	-
(*95½)	101	6	10	-	10½	13	-
Unilever	1000	51	76	91	19	29	33
(*1012½)	1050	25	48	64	46	56	65
	Series	Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Grnd Met	390	26	35	43	17	22	30
(*398½)	420	12	22	29	34	39	47
Ladbrke	180	14	20	26	15	21	26
(*175)	200	6	12	18	27	34	38
Utd Bisc	390	35	48	56	15	21	20
(*405)	420	23	33	39	30	36	42

May 19, 1993 Tot 42117 Calls 22112 Puts 20005 FT-SE Calls 4673 Puts 9633
*Underlying security price.

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA	700	50	58	70	1	13	21
(*745½)	750	3	24	42	4	36	44
Thames W	460	40	43	46	1	9½	16
(*498½)	500	1½	14½	24	3½	29	36
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	850	1½	37	54	18	42	65
(*822½)	900	1	20	34	68	77	97
BTR	550	38	50	59	1	7½	17
(*584½)	600	1	18	30	15	26	40
Br Aero	300	30	50	62	1	19	30
(*331)	330	3	34	45	4½	34	45
Br Telcom	390	27	36	41	1	6½	15
(*412½)	420	1	17½	24	6	18	29
Cadbury	420	18	33	45	1	11	18
(*435½)	460	1	13	25	27	33	40
Guinness	460	5	27	40	1½	18	28
(*462)	500	1	13	24	41	43	52
GEC	300	19	25	30	1	8	13
(*317)	330	1	8	15	13	26	29
Hanson	220	14½	18½	24	1	5½	9½
(*233)	240	1	7½	13	7½	15	20
LASMO	140	8	20	26	1	10	15
(*145½)	160	1½	11	17	14	22	26
Lucas	130	5	15	19	1	8½	16
(*134½)	140	1	9½	15	7	14	22
Pilkingtn	120	9½	15	20	1	5½	9½
(*128½)	130	1	9½	14	2	10½	15
Prudential	300	19	29	34	1	6½	13
(*317)	330	1	12	19	14	20	27
Redland	500	28	40	49	26	38	43
(*494)	550	11	21	27	59	60	72
Royal Ins	300	20	27	34	13	21	23
(*296)	330	7½	15	21	33	38	41
Tesco	200	17	24	28	1	6½	12
(*212)	220	1	10½	18	8	16	19
Vodafone	390	26	40	53	1	11	18
(*415)	420	1	23	37	5	24	32
Williams	300	35	40	46	6	13	16
(*323)	330	15	23	30	18	26	30

FT-SE INDEX (*2818)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
May	122	69	23	3	1½	1½
Jun	132	94	53	31	14	7½
Jul	152	116	82	52	34	20
Aug	176	139	108	81	59	42
Dec	230	-	165	-	121	-
Puts						
May	1½	3	7	40	90	143
Jun	14	20	36	63	98	142
Jul	25	37	52	78	110	150
Aug	39	54	73	95	126	161
Dec	76	-	105	-	162	-

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	390	27	37	46	5	14	20
(*410½)	420	8½	20	30	18	29	35
Amstrad	30	5	7	8	1	2½	4
(*33)	35	2	4½	6	3½	6	6½
Barclays	420	35	46	57	4	13	21
(*448)	460	9	24	35	21	33	40
Blue Circ	240	21	28	35	3½	12½	17
(*253½)	260	9	18	26	13	22	29
Br Gas	280	17	26	30	3	7½	14
(*292½)	300	5½	14	19	12	17	25
	330	1½	5	9	39	40	45
Dixons	200	17	24	33	5	16	19
(*211½)	220	6½	16	23	15	26	32
Forte	180	14	23½	28	4½	11	16
(*186½)	200	4½	12	16	15	22	27
Glaxo	600	50	75	86	9½	29	47
(*637)	650	21	48	61	31	52	72
	700	6	28	42	70	84	104
HSBC	600	28	53	70	19	38	52
(*603)	650	9	31	48	52	68	79
Hillsdwn	140	15	21	25	3	7½	12
(*148)	160	4	11	16	13	18	22
Lonrho	110	12½	17	21	4½	10	13
(*116½)	120	6½	12½	17	7½	14½	19
Reuter	1250	53	91	130	25	52	70
(*1264)	1300	27	67	100	49	79	95
R-Royce	140	14	20	24	5	9	13
(*147½)	160	4	11	15	16	20	24
Sears	100	6	10½	14	4	5	9
(*101)	110	2	5½	8½	10½	13	15
Tarmac	130	13	19	22	3½	10	14
(*136)	140	6	12½	16	8½	15	20
Thrn Emi	800	45	50	73	7	34	39
(*827½)	850	15	30	45	29	60½	68
Tomkins	220	14	19	25	4½	11½	14
(*226)	240	4	9½	16	16	24	27
TSB	180	10	16	21	5	12	15
(*183)	200	3	7½	12	18	24	27
Wellcome	750	32	74	87	27	49	69
(*760)	800	15	50	63	59	76	98
	Series	Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Fisons	160	15	23	26	13	18	22
(*161)	180	7½	15	18	27	31	35
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Ele	420	34	42	47	1	11	19
(*451½)	460	1½	17	25	10	33	39
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	330	12	23	33	9	17	21
(*333)	360	2½	11	19	30	36	39
Scot Pwr	310	10	16	21	6	17	19½
(*312½)	330	3	8	13	20	31	33

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Gold hit fresh 28 month highs, despite aggresive producer and speculator selling in the Far East. However South African sales took some of the gleam from the market by the afternoon. Despite receiving little media attention, it is silver which has led the way in this move, rising by 34% from its February low, compared with 16% for gold, but both are now looking a little over-bought.

LONDON FOX COCOA

May	649-642	Jul	758-756
Jul	669-668	Sep	771-769
Sep	685-684	Dec	795-792
Dec	708-707	Mar	817-814
Mar	729-728		
May	743-742	Volume: 2895	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	897 BID	Jan	934-932
Jul	916 SLR	Mar	933-930
Sep	917-916	May	950-940
Nov	926-924	Volume: 2155	

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	--
May	unq	May	--
Aug	--	Aug	--
Oct	--	Volume: 0	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	290.3-89.0
Spot: unq		May	293.2-91.1
Aug	295.0-94.0	Aug	297.6-94.1
Oct	291.0-90.0	Oct	291.1-85.1
Dec	291.0-89.0	Volume: 765	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 19

(p/kg lw)	Pigs	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	91.48	137.16	140.36
(+/-)	+1.04	+1.66	-0.51
Eng/Wales:	91.48	136.80	140.38
(+/-)	+1.04	+1.56	-0.54
(%)	+0.4	+12.2	-2.3
Scotland:	n/a	143.54	140.23
(+/-)	n/a	+2.88	-0.34
(%)	n/a	-27.4	-10.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	115.5	115.5	Aug	unq	unq
Jun	unq	unq		Volume: 2	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	140.75
Jun	139.55
Sep	107.90
Nov	109.70
Jan	112.55
Volume: 213	

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	134.25
Sep	106.35
Nov	109.35
Jan	111.80
Mar	113.75
Volume: 5	

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	143.00
Aug	141.30
Oct	144.80
Dec	147.80
Feb	unq
Volume: 10	

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	55.0
Apr	94.5	95.1
May	unq	99.0
	Volume: 29	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Jun 57.75-58.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Following the neutral inventory figures, levels were little changed.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.10	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.25	n/c
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.35	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	19.30	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.70	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	210 (-2)	212 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	173 (-1)	174 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	173 (-1)	174 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	173 (n/c)	173 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	68 (-2)	70 (-2)
Naphtha	181 (n/c)	183 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jun	171.50 SLR	Sep	175.25-75.50
Jul	171.25-71.50	Oct	178.25-78.50
Aug	172.75-73.00	Nov	180.00-80.50
		Vol: 8081	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.34-18.35	Oct	18.67 SLR
Aug	18.49-18.50	Nov	18.70-18.78
Sep	18.56-18.60	Vol: 18741	

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	200.50-01.00	Sep	n/a
Jul	199.50 BID	Oct	n/a
Aug	n/a	Vol: 426	

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 93	1630	1630	1629
Jun 93	1556	1539	1537
Jul 93	1390	1374	1375
Oct 93	1445	1435	1444

Vol: 632 lots. Open int'st: 3132 Index 1612 +9

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1149.0-1149.5	1169.0-1169.5	1089575
Lead (£/tonne)	262.00-262.25	271.50-272.00	108850
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	966.50-967.00	986.00-986.50	540300
Tin ($/tonne)	5500.0-5503.0	5560.0-5565.0	9800
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1119.5-1120.0	1144.0-1144.5	1064975
Nickel ($/tonne)	5595.0-5600.0	5662.0-5665.0	73800

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Sharp retreat

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 10. Dealings end May 21. §Contango day May 24. Settlement day June 1. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Rank Org	Industrial	
2	Hammerson	Property	
3	Derwent Hldgs	Property	
4	Anglian Water	Water	
5	Lopex	Paper,Print	
6	Prowting	Building,Rds	
7	South West	Water	
8	Portals	Industrial	
9	Hill & Smith	Industrial	
10	Stiffenstein	Mining	
11	BTR	Industrial	
12	Jardine Math	Industrial	
13	Grovoiel	Mining	
14	Northern Elec	Electricty	
15	Billam (J)	Industrial	
16	Sth Wales	Electricty	
17	Br Vita	Industrial	
18	Diploma	Industrial	
19	Heritage	Drapery,Sns	
20	Persimmon	Building,Rds	
21	Reliance Sec	Business Serv	
22	Yorkshire W	Water	
23	Reckitt Colm	Industrial	
24	Br Land	Property	
25	Liberty Life	Insurance	
26	FS Dev	Mining	
27	E Rand Prop	Mining	
28	Wilson Bowdn	Building,Rds	
29	Legal & Gen	Insurance	
30	Sieba	Industrial	
31	ACT Group	Electrical	
32	Welsh Water	Water	
33	Geneor	Mining	
34	Chamblrin Hill	Industrial	
35	Gowrings	Motors,Air	
36	Unidare	Industrial	
37	E Rand Gold	Mining	
38	Clayton Son	Industrial	
39	Manweb	Electricty	
40	Medeva	Industrial	

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
72	52	Allied Colloids	72		3.9	5.2	17.6
739	513	Amersham	669	-1	12.5	2.4	34.6
7	3½	Anglo Ind	3½		0.8		
£100½	8325	BASF DM	8625	-71½		7.8	
265	220	BTP	265		9.3	4.6	20.7
£119	£105	Bayer DMSO	£105	-125			
178	134	Biogen	170	-6	9.5	7.0	18.3
165	129	Brent Chemx	129		7.4	7.2	∞
530	395	Br Bio-Tech	400				
29	18	Caird Gp	29½	-½	1.3	6.5	∞
153	126	Carnaleg (W)	153		7.2	6.6	15.8
568	527	Courtaulds	527	-10	13.0	3.1	14.5
281	228	Croda	271			3.6	17.7
146	121	Doeller	137		4.6	4.2	10.5
202	175	Ellis & Everard	200		7.0	4.4	18.2
29	15½	Euro Colour	25		0.6		∞
259	229	Halstead (J)	255		10.7	4.2	14.3
238	194	Hickson	237	+1	8.0	4.3	∞
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9050	+50			
216	195	Holliday Chem	214	-1		2.3	19.2
1320	1040	ICI	1240	+11	55.0	5.1	20.8
688	581	Laporte	669	+2	19.5	3.9	17.1
223	181	Leigh	184		7.8	5.3	15.0
19½	8	MTM	9½				
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1650	-65½		1.7	∞
420	330	Paterson Zoch	410		11.4	3.4	18.1
370	300	-do- 'A'	370		11.4	3.9	18.0
286	254	Hysu	261	-6	6.0	2.9	17.6
210	173	Perstr	210		3.6	2.1	22.5
13	7½	Sheriffe Synge	11	-½			
495	395	Wardle Storeys	434	-1	16.0	4.6	17.4
490	395	Wiltshire K	430	-1	17.0	4.7	15.4
401	368	Yorks Chem	398	-1		2.4	21.3
306	240	Yule Catto	289	-1	5.9	2.6	17.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

675	463	ADT	566	-5			∞
228	158	Adam & Harvey	213		11.0	5.5	3.3
93	66	Air Lecs	64			2.0	32.0
50	37	African Lakes	44			2.0	57
175	125	Auto Sec	163	-1	5.3	4.1	∞
509	84	BET Ord	108	+1		7.5	15.8
91	61	BTR Pr	91			6.6	∞
318	258	BTP	289			8.0	15.9
283	235	Barbour Index	235			7.2	3.9
22	15	Bemrose	20			0.7	4.4
206	184	Brit Data Mgt	205				21.1
15	11	Broadcastdata	15				12.8
73	54	Brooks Service	70	-1			
104	86	CRT Gp	88			2.4	34
173	139½	Capita Group	173	+1½			∞
42	31	Chiltn Tec	40	-½	0.5	1.6	15.5
55	43	Chiltern Capital	50				
51	26	Christie	43				∞
235	228	Chubb Sec	231	-2		1.2	31.0
50	18	Cognos	43			4.4	10.7
19½	9½	Corp Services	17½				
63	50	Dart	62		3.5	4.5	10.4
231	198	Davis Service	213	-2		4.9	∞
104	85	EW Facs	94		4.3	5.7	10.2
29	11	Gardiner	29		0.6	3.2	17.7
44	20	Gardner (DC)	37				
246	225½	Hays	229		4.6	2.5	22.5
220	175	Hogg Robinson	189	-4	6.3	4.2	14.2
70	54	Holmes Protectn	54				3.5
174	127	Hunt Wanna	168			3.0	14.8
£130½	9650	IBS B Dfr	£100½			1.7	20.4
637	532	Inchcape	563	-9		3.1	18.8
863	669	Johnson Clean	826			25.7	3.9
3½	2½	Lep	3				
264	172	Mide Gp	227	+2	2.7	1.8	17.9
1187	868	Manpower	994	-22			∞
46½	40½	Michael Page	46½		1.8	4.8	19.7
229	217	Pennon	220			1.8	66.9
4½	2	Prime People	3				
142	85	Pyrnshot Alex	94			12.0	16.0	∞
425	373	RCD	394			12.8	4.6	12.8
118	113	REA	113			4.0	4.5	
90	43	Reed Executive	86					
155	113	Reliance Sec	145			2.3	1.5	23.8
238	194	Remokil	191	-2		2.3	1.5	23.8
278	240	Robt & Nelsn	260			8.2	3.0	17.5
399	345	Salvesen IC	375	-1		7.0	2.3	20.7
259	228	Scot. Nickforth	30				3.3	8.3
200	145	Sequiguard	200			9.4	4.1	15.3
6	5	Select Appts	6					
988	685	Serco Gp	965	-3		14.0	1.8	26.7
352	252	Sherwd Comps	268 †	-7			3.3	∞
190	91	Shrehley	94			3.0	4.1	∞
355	310	Warner Howrd	320			6.5	2.5	∞
45	27	Welpac	30			0.6	2.5	∞
26	14	Wills Gp	22½	+½			0.6	30.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	222	Allied Colloids	222		3.9	2.2	17.6
739	513	Amersham	669	-1	12.5	2.4	34.6
7	3½	Anglo Ind	3½		0.8		
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265	220	BTP	265		9.3	4.6	20.7
£119	£105	Bayer DMSO	£105	-125			
178	134	Biogen	170	-6	9.5	7.0	18.3
165	129	Brent Chemx	129		7.4	7.2	∞
530	395	Br Bio-Tech	400				
29	18	Caird Gp	29½	-½	1.3	6.5	∞
153	126	Carnaleg (W)	153		7.2	6.6	15.8
568	527	Courtaulds	527	-10	13.0	3.1	14.5
281	228	Croda	271			3.6	17.7
146	121	Doeller	137		4.6	4.2	10.5
202	175	Ellis & Everard	200		7.0	4.4	18.2
29	15½	Euro Colour	25		0.6		∞
259	229	Halstead (J)	255		10.7	4.2	14.3
238	194	Hickson	237	+1	8.0	4.3	∞
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9050	+50			
216	195	Holliday Chem	214	-1		2.3	19.2
1320	1040	ICI	1240	+11	55.0	5.1	20.8
688	581	Laporte	669	+2	19.5	3.9	17.1
223	181	Leigh	184		7.8	5.3	15.0
19½	8	MTM	9½				
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420	330	Paterson Zoch	410		11.4	3.4	18.1
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13	7½	Sheriffe Synge	11	-½			
495	395	Wardle Storeys	434	-1	16.0	4.6	17.4
490	395	Wiltshire K	430	-1	17.0	4.7	15.4
401	368	Yorks Chem	398	-1		2.4	21.3
306	240	Yule Catto	289	-1	5.9	2.6	17.6

DRAPERY, STORES

105	63	Alexon	78		3.0	4.8	
87	42	Amber Day	83	+1	3.1	4.7	22.4
399	257	Argos Plc	306	+1		2.9	21.0
112	69	Ashley (Laura)	113	+3	0.1	0.1	23.1
305	228	Asprey	285			2.1	
345	188	Austin Reed	238 †		5.0	2.7	∞
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	139 †		6.0	5.4	∞
121	97	Bennetts	109 †		1.9	2.2	
280	220	Bensonwse	264 †	-1		0.6	∞
34	22	Blacks Leis	29		3.3		6.0
227	133	Body Shop	189		1.7	1.1	∞
16	12	Brown, A Jackson	15½	-½		0.6	
401	310	Brown (N)	384		7.0	2.5	∞
97½	74	Burton	85½			3.0	
145	126	Cranes	143			2.3	19.0
355	295	Church	353		12.5	4.4	31.4
183	97	Clinton Cards	146		4.2	3.6	17.6
247	213	Coats Viyella	240			5.8	16.9
106	78	Debenhams	91				15.4
302	274	Courts Furnish	301		5.0	1.2	25.1
155	115	Crown Eyes	137			3.5	6.4
106	89	Dalry Penn Intl	104	-1		3.3	16.5
66	51½	Dewhirst (J)	66		1.0	1.9	21.2
281	194½	Dixons Grp	212	+1	6.0	3.5	34.9
405	320	Dornhill	401	+1	7.7	2.4	13.9
21	12½	EPA Gp	17				
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	465		10.0	4.3	18.3
326	263	Critchley	310			3.4	17.1
119	86	Dale	104	+2	14.0	3.3	∞
548	414	Debenhams	524			2.5	22.5
298	205	Dennard Sts	288		7.2	1.8	17.3
620	460	Dorothy Perkins	588			5.4	19.1
65	48	Dowding Mills	58	+2	2.5	5.4	19.1
1040	865	Drucks	1038			1.1	25.5
411	358	Electrocomponents	392	-2	7.0	2.2	21.2
575	430	El Dora Pic	550		5.1	1.1	15.2
86	63	Electron House	81		2.1	3.6	24.7
30½	19½	Enesa	29½		0.1	0.5	
587	442	Burgcherm	580		8.0	1.7	20.6
136	108	FKI	125		4.5	3.6	26.1
391	340	Farnell Elect	365 †	+2	6.2	2.0	∞
91	51	Fenwicks	68				
18	9½	Ferranti	13	-½			
195	101	First Tech	193				
238	81	Forward Gps	232	-1		1.8	∞
21	16½	Foward Tech	17				
3250	2400	GEC	3170	-2	0.6	3.9	16.8
187	152	Gransby	156		10.9	8.7	∞
39	30	Hillsdown	39			1.6	12.7	∞
159	93	INSTEM	150 †			3.0	0.4	
388	320	James Sound	382		8.0	2.7	16.2	8%
10	8	Kanbury	10		0.3	5.2	34	
360	260	Kenwood App	343			3.0	16.6	
181	47	Kewill Sys	165	-3	5.5	3.7	21.9	
203	100	Kode	188					
60	16	Laser-Scan	58	+1			∞	
365	128	LRMS	318					
300	240	Lec Refrig	268		9.0	4.2	∞	

ELECTRICALS

182	147	ACT Group	163	+4	4.5	3.5	16.9
240	203	Acala	229			3.1	20.0
168½	98	Acorn Comps	168				
680	480	Admiral	634		5.4	1.6	18.4
131	104	Alba	128	-1	4.7	4.5	15.8
43	19½	Alphameric	38				
39½	22	Amstrad	33	-½	0.4		
128	73	App Holos	120				
23	13	Arlec	20	+1			
58	38	Astec	57				∞
280	250	Beales Hunter	275			9.3	4.2	14.5
9	5½	Bennee & Fraud	5½				
380	310	BICC	380	+2	10.2	6.3	25.7
575	455	Blick	484			9.2	2.4	18.8
1700	1150	Borland	1650	-50				
319	274	Bowthorpe	313			2.5		∞
445½	376	BI	413½	-½		4.8	20.4
9	5½	Bright (AF) 'A'	8½			0.1	1.5	
151	110	Burndrift	138	+1	5.1	4.2		
269	208	Cable Wireless	215	-4	13.3	2.3	22.1	
14½	11½	Chloride	14					
261	229	Cmll. Micro	251			2.4	16.5	
115	74	Comptr People	115		0.6	0.7		
153	108½	Cray Elect	149	-½	0.4	0.3	22.2	
326	263	Crtchley	310			3.4	22.6	
119	86	Dale	104	+2	14.0	3.3	∞	
548	414	Dawson Hldgs	524			2.5	22.5	
298	205	Dennard Sts	288		7.2	1.8	17.3	
620	460	Dorothy Perkins	588			5.4	19.1	
65	48	Dowding Mills	58	+2	2.5	5.4	19.1	
1040	865	Drucks	1038			1.1	25.5	
411	358	Electrocomponents	392	-2	7.0	2.2	21.2	
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203	100	Kode	188					
60	16	Laser-Scan	58	+1			∞	
365	128	LRMS	318					
300	240	Lec Refrig	268		9.0	4.2	∞	

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

417	345	Abbey Nil	411		11.5	3.5	15.8
255	179	Allied Irish	229	-6		4.9	11.7
176	130	Ass New Z	157	-5		5.8	
3800½	2795½	Bankamerica	2912½	-37½			
250	188	Bk of Ireland	229	-6		6.0	∞
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325			17.0	6.5	
140	116½	Bank Scotland	136 †	+1	4.5	4.2	∞
464	362	Barclays	448	+2	15.1	4.2	∞
3½	2	Beachcroft	2½				
52	31	Brown Shipley	35				
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½				
490	395	Cater Allen	487			26.0	6.7	
126	85	Canter	125				4.2	16.6
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1887½	+12½			
2045½	1945½	Citicorp	1797½	+19½			
350	290	Close Bros	350	+2		3.4	15.6
£125½	9225	Commerzbk	£112	-250		3.5	
£304½	£280½	Deutsche Bk	£289½	-1075		2.4	
51	43	First Mat Pln	78	-2			
1227	1000	Fuji Bank Y	1205	+15			65.0
465	343	Gerrard Nat	458	-3		21.0	5.7	
654	490	HSBC	603	-11		19.0	3.9	14.4
634	474	HSBC Hldg	596	-11		19.0	4.0	14.3
395	243	Hambros	357	-7		13.8	5.1	14.9
363	313	Hemph (J)	358			15.8	5.5	
150	96	King Shaxson	150			5.0	4.2	
406	312	Kleinwort Ben	405			16.0	4.9	14.0
573	452	Lloyds	540	-2		18.4	4.3	15.4
87	61	Lon Scot Bk	85			3.0	4.4	16.8
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	415	+2			4.9	14.4
485	398	Nat West	467	-5		17.5	4.7	28.4
362	270	Provident	361	+1		11.4	3.9	15.6
47	39	Rea Bros	45			0.5	1.5	44.6
252	202	Ryl Bk Scot	234 †	+1		8.5		
987½	467½	Schroders	953			14	19.0	
758	576	Stand Chart	733	+2		20.0	3.4	
195	145½	TSB	183	-1		6.4	4.4	
140	78	Union Disc	140					
704	529	Warburg SG	698	-5		18.0	3.2	20.7
237	185	-do- 0% 'A'	236				3.2	
7850	4945½	Wells Fargo	6525	-25			1.6	
170	121	Westpac	162	+3			4.7	
215	188	Wmstrs	205			9.3	5.7	7.8

BREWERIES

646	524	Allied-Lyons	531	-12		4.9	17.5
647	483	Bass	608	-10		10.9	4.9	16.4
273	198	Boddington	220	+2		7.3	3.4	15.7
415	363	Bulmer (HP)	385	-3		9.0	2.9	17.7
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	148			4.4	3.8	10.8
307	261	Devenish (A)	297			7.8	3.3	16.7
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'	91	+1			4.5	34.7
68½	53	Fosters Brewing	51				5.3	7.7
280	238	Fullr Sm 'A'	278				2.2	15.9
480	395	Grand Met	399	-6		12.9	3.9	13.0
427	384	Greenalls Grp	385	-1		11.7	3.9	15.7
165	133	Greene King	146			11.6	3.7	14.2
516	440	Guinness	462	-14			3.2	16.4
281	230	Hardy Hanst	240			7.9	4.1	13.3
125	108	Hewthrnes	110	-15		9.0	3.5	20.4
95	78	-do- 'A' 13%e	80	-2		8.0	2.6	19.2
295	238	Highland Dist	289	-2		8.0	2.8	
3125	2538	Holt J	2875 †			41.0	1.7	∞
58	33	Hoskins Brew	58					41.8
323	280	Invrgordn Dist	277	+2		7.2	3.2	
196	157	Macallan-Glen	165			6.7	4.1	37.3
265	173	Macdn Marsh 'A'	258			8.8	2.8	12.2
765	655	Mansfield	738			15.6	2.3	15.9
256	231	Maxxm Thmp	238			4.9	2.6	13.8
450	409	Matthew Clark	409	-3		15.7	3.6	10.5
300	252	Morgdwn W	298				3.8	18.6
490	455	Morland	480			8.4	2.2	19.1
12	6½	Paramount A	9½				2.1	17.3
850	753	SA Breweries	788	-2			3.5	∞
495	408	Scot & New	454	+9		16.1	4.4	12.4
223	181	Taunton Cider	211				2.8	19.7
246	213	Vaux Group	236	-4		9.3	5.0	16.0
288	225	Wetherspoon JD	288				2.8	21.3
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	472	-14			2.4	11.5
1050	850	-do- 'B'	980				2.4	23.0
613	538	Wolvrhmptn D	539	-15		11.4	2.5	15.7
515	480	Young 'A'	493			14.5	3.8	∞

BUILDING, ROADS

115	73	Abbey	115				1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton A	18					
106	87	Allen A	99				6.3	10.8
98	65	Amec	94	-1		3.0	4.0	17.4
4	3	Anglia Sec	7					
207	155	Ashtenda	205			4.1	2.5	20.6
142	106	Atwoods	118	-2		5.0	4.2	14.8
238	180	BPB Ind	230				3.1	4.5	28.0
72	52	Bardon Hpt Sct	67					
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	28½				0.5		
101	74	Barratt	90	+2		1.2	1.7	16.3
147	96	Barrett Devs	143½			2.0	1.7	16.0
412	305	Bellway	403 †				3.7	23.3
32	15	Bellwinch	27					
425	285½	Bellway Gp	419				1.8	26.9
98	75	Bett Bros	95	+1		1.0	2.0	∞
62	35	Blockleys	62			11.2	5.5	∞
265	189	Blue Circle	264			5.9	2.6	15.8
295	230	Boot (Henry)	293			6.6	2.2	14.7
120	78	Brendon PLC	94	-6		6.1	6.4	24.0
108	62	Br Dredging	108	+1		5.2	4.0	
75	45	Brit Pavings	69			4.9	4.0	32.1
151	99	Bryant	80			2.3		
53	33	CALA	47				3.5	16.8
277	205	CRH	264	-7				
43	22	Calstead Hty	34					
39	23	Cassidy	34	+½				
146	98	Countryside	138	-3		4.1	3.7	36.5
63	38	Crest Nicholson	62			0.0		
98	28	Cumbra	93					
3½	1½	Dunstone	3					
25	16½	Edmund Hldgs	19			0.5	3.3	
238	178	Epwin	225 †			6.8	3.0	19.7
48	32	Erith	47			0.3	0.9	
352	262	Eve Groups	350				3.5	12.7
58	34	Geoghy Hardon	50	-1		2.0	3.0	23.5
8	4½	Exploura	4½					
140	97	Freeman Gps	132 †				4.3		16.0
50	38	Galliford	42			4.3		16.0
68	60	Gibbs & Dandy	63					
823	695	Gleeson (M)	823 †	+10		12.7	1.9	13.3
1309	930	Hawden-Stuart	1309	+½		3.2	3.4	∞
51	28	Hewerson	50			2.6		69.8
280	186	Heywd Wtn	275	+2		12.8	5.7	
105	57	Higgs & Hill	78 †	-1		2.5	4.0	
35	27	Hsw Gp	31			1.5	6.7	
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18			0.5	3.5	
70	39	Hunch Johnson	68 †	+2		1.0	1.8	
22	14½	Jarvis	17	-1				
298	196	Lilley (J)	288			9.0	4.2	10.8
85	55	Lin Christolite	67			4.5	8.4	25.2
23	10½	Lovell (Y)	21½					9.8
307	240	Manders	307				3.7	18.8
143	93	Marley	139			4.2	3.9	39.0
69	61	Marshalls	69	-1			7.0	30.8
150	122	Mayflower (J)	150			4.9	3.9	14.5
102	90	McAlpine (A)	102			6.5	4.2	33.2
40	23	McCarthy & S	38	-2		0.5		
385	272	Meyer Int	383	+3			3.3	41.1
4	4	Mikkin Gpe	4					
129	62	Mowlem (J)	127	-2		4.9	3.9	
78	51	NSM	57					
53	48	Nesbitt A	48				4.3	22.3
160	106	Newmthll Tnks	157	-1			6.5	21.0
298	197	Persimmon	295	+2		8.6	1.6	30.4
26	22	Phoenix Timber	26	+2				
1625	1295	Pochins	1525			26.0	2.4	9.3
146	90	Prowting	145	+7		3.4	2.9	

BREWERIES

ACCOUNTANCY

ASB stirs up revaluation row

BY CARL MORTISHED

WHAT is it worth? Lay readers of company accounts might be excused for thinking that the whole exercise of financial reporting had failed to answer that simple question.

Some companies revalue properties annually, others leave them at cost. Businesses dealing in commodities often suffer big swings in profit due to sharp price movements.

Proposals by the Accounting Standards Board for regular asset revaluations are an attempt to deal with it. The issue is how to measure growth and shrinkage, not growth in profit and earnings *per se*, but gains and losses in the company's properties and stocks.

The role of valuation in financial reporting, the ASB paper, suggests rather than moving to full current cost accounts, the UK should adopt a modified historical cost approach of regular revaluation of property, shares and some commodities. But the ASB's proposals have aroused surprising opposition from finance directors who say compulsory revaluation will be expensive, unnecessary and out of line with Europe and the US.

The ASB thinks readers of accounts want to know what assets are worth today, or at least at the last year end. At present, with the exception of property investment companies, they are not required to revalue fixed assets and can maintain all or a selection of assets in the books at historic cost. An ASB survey of big companies showed 28 per cent with all property at historic cost while only 4 per cent had a valuation other than cost.



Assets worth billions: but should they be valued at cost or their current worth?

The ASB's critics say asset stripping days are over. In a world of falling asset values, there are no hidden gold mines or land banks to be found in company accounts.

Michael Lawrence, finance director of Prudential and chairman of the 100 Group, representing Britain's biggest companies, says most group members are against revaluation on cost grounds and he considers there is little demand for revaluation from institutions. He said: "Institutions are more concerned about R&D expenditure, advertising costs, things which affect earnings and cash flow." He feels the ASB are purists and points to the subjective nature of revaluations, a criticism that led to abandoning current cost accounting after high UK 1970s inflation subsided.

Stuart Tarrant, finance director of Sedgwick, the insurance broker, is strongly opposed. He said valuing is currently very difficult, given the scarcity of sales to give comparisons — the basis of property valuations. Sedgwick has gone in the opposite direction to the ASB, returning to historic cost after a revaluation in December cut the value of its properties by £87 million. Sedgwick moved from historic cost to valuation in 1988, giving a £73 million revaluation reserve, since written off.

Revaluing can have a dramatic effect on a company's return on capital, causing it to shrink if assets have appreciated significantly since acquisition. The 1992 accounts of J Sainsbury, the grocer, show that of its £3.1 billion of property assets, £3 billion are at cost and the report just states the assets are worth more than book value.

The ASB wants consistency and removal of the opportunity for companies to maximise profit via hidden gains. Alan Cook, ASB technical director, says companies often use revaluation and sale and leasebacks to manage profit and loss. The proposals would have little effect on property investment companies which already must revalue regularly under SSAP19, but Mr Cook says companies with land or buildings such as property traders or builders would be affected. If the land were revalued on a consistent basis, the gain or loss in value would be in the accounts in the statement of recognised gains and losses, under FRS3.

David Tweedie, ASB chairman, is concerned about costs and says the proposals would initially apply only to big companies. Formal revaluation might be triennial with a yearly reappraisal adjusted with reference to an index of property values. But the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors is not jubilant at the prospect of extra work from the reforms. Alan Cherry, RICS spokesman, says the recession has cut valuation fees and surveyors often take them on the basis that they will earn extra fees for other work.

The ASB's discussion paper does not deal with valuing goodwill, now under review, and depreciation is only touched on, noting it is based on the carrying value of assets.

Some finance directors accuse the ASB of going it alone to reintroduce elements of current cost accounting while the rest of the world sticks to historic cost. They say big international companies want a consistent approach across borders. Mr Cook reckons the ASB proposals are heading in just that direction.

Poised for another diplomatic dance

FOR years, it has been a standing joke that when accountancy firms tried to merge, the financial and business parts of the deals took no time to discuss but they they nearly always foundered over what the merged firm should call itself. The latest research into what accountants think about the structure of their profession shows that any move to bring the different bodies together could founder on exactly the same detail. Members of the profession appear happy with the abstract idea that something should be done about restructuring or rationalising the way their profession is organised. They become unenthusiastic when it comes to talking detail.

The surveys were carried out in March amid diplomatic public niceties and deep suspicion behind the scenes. The profession has, after all, been riven periodically by efforts to merge one body with another or to merge the whole lot. With six disparate bodies, there has been much scope over the years for their secretaries to indulge in the sort of diplomatic games, alliances and treaties that, on a world stage, would simply lead to war. In 1970, a complex and piecemeal method of attempting to bring all the bodies together foundered when the English voted against it. The Scots would probably have vetoed the idea as well but never got the chance. In the aftermath, the six set up an umbrella body known as the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies. It was supposed to co-ordinate, offer a united voice on matters of common interest and such pious nonsense, but has been used as much to stifle initiative or fight rivalries. In 1989, the Scots at last got their chance to vote against something — a British Institute that would combine English and Scots ICAs as the first step in a more evolutionary effort at merging all the bodies. Despite favourable terms, the Scots said no. The English ICA swiftly attempted a merger with Cipfa, the public sector accounting body, in 1991. This time, ICAEW members defied their leadership.



ROBERT BRUCE

You would have thought that by this time all possibilities and participants were exhausted. Not so. There is every chance we are about to start another diplomatic dance. Even with six bodies, the permutations are limited. You can, as in 1989 or 1991, go for piecemeal mergers and hope that the idea catches on. Or you can go for the geographical solution, similar to 1970, federate the Scots, English and Irish ICAs then break up the three remaining bodies, based on particular disciplines, and assign them to the appropriate geographical area. The English ICA, which generates much of the latest burst of merger energy, prefers this solution, dubbed by the Irish "the three-cornered hat". Unfortunately, it too has failed the opinion test.

Some results of the research were finally released this week after wrangling over an accompanying statement. They show that 72 per cent of all members think the CCAB structure does not work well. Rationalisation of the profession was favoured by 74 per cent. Most in favour were the certified accountants of ACCA, the management accountants of Cima and the public sector accountants of Cipfa. Among the three chartered institutes, 66 per cent of the English were in favour — just short of the majority needed to vote any proposal through — and 57 per cent of the Irish. The Scots, pugnacious to the last, were actually opposed — by 49 to 43 per cent. Even more striking was the 53 per cent overall support for the statement: "The gradual approach will produce only cosmetic results. We must set clear rationalisation targets and move towards them decisively." Such shield-clashing rhetoric contrasts with responses on detail, notably on who is called what in a reformed profession. Members of ACCA, Cima and Cipfa were all rather keen on the chance to call themselves chartered accountants. Members of the three chartered accountancy institutes, as the survey tactfully put it, "would have difficulty with this concept". So, inevitably, a working party has been set up — to look at the research, sift the options and make a recommendation by July. As so often, the terms of reference look fine on paper, but may prove impossible in practice. But the profession is already rationalising itself. Key areas such as discipline, ethics, financial reporting and regulation are already operated jointly.

David Bishop, immediate past president of ACCA, who chairs the working party, likens the position to being on the stepping stones across a river. The profession can move forward, stay put or go back. I expect much falling in the water and splashing about before anything becomes clear.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It's the same old story

SUE Palmer, marketing director at Grant Thornton, has conducted a survey of 5,000 small and medium-sized firms in 12 European countries. Palmer, who was in Brussels last week to report her findings, sent out 35,000 questionnaires to various firms — which revealed a fair bit about Europe. "In Italy, the post is so slow that we had to send the forms early," she says. "And no one told us the Greeks don't use the post — you either hand deliver or fax.". The survey showed that late payment to small firms is a problem across Europe and more than a third of respondents were suing to recover moneys owed.

Sorry, but . . .

THE London Society of Chartered Accountants asked its members to list excuses by clients for late payment of bills. Here are some: Cheques are countersigned by a third party who is in prison. Cheques posted at post office, which was infected by ants and had to be closed for a time; pet monkey ate invoice. What is the best excuse you have heard?

PW surprise

LAST week's revelation that Ian Brindle was to take over from Sir Jeffery Bowman at Price Waterhouse came as a surprise to the gentlemen concerned. Sir Jeffery's successor as chairman of Price Waterhouse Europe will be announced in the summer after an election by European partners. Brindle remains UK senior partner. On a separate score, the firm has set up a helpline to answer queries from Maxwell Communication Corporation creditors and bondholders before next month's vote on the proposed sale of the *Official Airlines Guide*. The number is (071) 939 1991 — the year the wily publisher took the plunge.

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Prisoners' letters rule unlawful

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Leech (No 2)

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Rose

[Judgment May 19]

Rule 33(2) and (3) of the Prison Rules (SI 1964 No 388) was *ultra vires* section 47(1) of the Prison Act 1952 so far as it purported to apply to correspondence between prisoners and their legal advisers.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal by Mark Francis Leech against the dismissal by Mr Justice Webster on October 22, 1991 of his application for judicial review.

Rule 33 of the 1964 Rules provides: "(3) Except as provided by these rules, every letter or communication to or from a prisoner may be read or examined by the governor or an officer deputed by him, and the governor may, at his discretion, stop any letter or communication on the ground that its contents are objectionable or that it is of inordinate length."

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for Mr Leech; Mr Robert Jay for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE STEYN, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the principal question arising on the appeal was whether rule 33(3) was *ultra vires* section 47(1) of the 1952 Act on the ground that it permitted the reading and stopping of confidential letters between a prisoner and a solicitor on wider grounds than merely to ascertain whether they were in truth *bona fide* communications between a solicitor and client.

It was plain that rule 33(3) drew a distinction between (a) the power of prison authorities to read and examine letters and (b) the power to stop letters. Rule 33(3) created an unrestricted power to read or examine "every letter". On the other hand, the power to stop a letter was qualified by the purpose for which it could be exercised.

Mr Jay submitted that both the power to read and examine letters and to stop letters were only intended to enable the prison authorities to take action, where there were no extant legal proceedings, in order "to satisfy themselves that it was in fact *bone fide* correspondence".

That submission did not distinguish between the two powers. It could not be squared with the language which created a qualified but wide power to stop correspondence on the ground of objectionability or prolixity. Their Lordships found the submission unsustainable.

It was an axiom of our law that a convicted prisoner, in spite of his imprisonment, retained all civil rights which were not taken away expressly or by necessary implication: *Raymond v Honey* ([1983] AC 1).

An ordinary citizen had a *prima facie* right which protected the confidentiality of letters sent by or to him. That right was not dependent on the existence of a right of property. It derived from the law of confidentiality: *Attorney-General v Observer Ltd* ([1990] 1 AC 109).

It was obvious, however, that a power to make rules to regulate prisons had to include a power to make some rules about prisoners' correspondence. By necessary implication, section 47(1) conferred a power of rule-making which might limit a prisoner's general civil rights in respect of the confidentiality of correspondence.

In ascending order of importance, in the context of the present case, the next relevant civil right was based on the general duty of solicitors to keep confidential all communications between themselves and their clients.

There was a presumption against statutory interference with vested common law rights. However, their Lordships were inclined to the view that it was not unreasonable to interpret section 47(1) as authorising by necessary implication some interference with that general right of confidentiality in accordance with the terms of rule 33(3).

It was a principle of great importance that every citizen had a right of unimpeded access to a court. Equally clearly established was the principle that a prisoner's unimpeded right of access to a solicitor for the purpose of receiving advice and assistance in connection with the possible institution of civil proceedings in the courts formed an inseparable part of the right of access to the courts themselves.

It followed that section 47(1) did not authorise the making of any rule which created an impediment to the free flow of communications between a solicitor and a client about contemplated legal proceedings.

Legal professional privilege was based on an important auxiliary principle which served to buttress the cardinal principles of unimpeded access to the court and to legal advice.

It was not without significance that counsel could not refer to a single instance where subordinate legislation was employed, let alone successfully, to abolish a common law privilege where the enabling legislation failed to authorise the abolition expressly.

The question was whether there was a self-evident and pressing need for an unrestricted power to read letters between a prisoner and a solicitor and a power to stop such letters on the ground of prolixity and objectionability.

So far as prolixity was concerned, their Lordships found it was impossible to conclude that there was by necessary implication an enabling power wide enough to save that part of rule 33(3).

The more important issue was whether a demonstrable need for an unrestricted power to read and examine letters, and for a qualified power to stop letters on the ground of objectionability had been established. It seemed to their Lordships that such an objective need had not been established.

A telling indication that there was no objective need for a rule as wide as rule 33(3) was found in rule 37A(1), as amended by the Prison (Amendment) Rules (SI 1972 No 1860), which dealt with current civil proceedings brought by or against a prisoner. Rule 37A(1) provided that correspondence between a prisoner and his legal adviser could be read or stopped under rule 33(3) only "if the governor has reason to suppose that any such correspondence contains matter not relating to the proceedings".

Rule 37A was unobjectionable as far as it went. But their Lordships could not see any distinction between prisoners' rights of access to justice dependent on whether a writ had been issued or not.

An unrestricted right to read correspondence passing between a solicitor and a prisoner created a considerable disincentive to a prisoner exercising his basic rights. The right to stop letters on the grounds of objectionability or prolixity meant that access to a solicitor by the medium of correspondence could be denied altogether.

While their Lordships accepted that section 47(1), by necessary implication, authorised some screening of correspondence passing between a prisoner and a solicitor, that intrusion had to be the minimum necessary to ensure that the correspondence was *bona fide* legal correspondence.

In their Lordships' view, rule 33(3) was *ultra vires* so far as it purported to apply to correspondence between prisoners and their legal advisers. It followed that rule 33(2) was also *ultra vires*.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co, Camden; Treasury Solicitor.

Priority of charges on property

Mortgage Corporation Ltd v Nationwide Credit Corporation Ltd

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Kennedy and Sir Roger Parker

[Judgment May 14]

An entry in the charges register of title of the Land Registry, protecting a later charge against subsequent interests did not give it priority over an earlier charge, the existence of which had not been noted in the register.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by the defendants, Nationwide Credit Corporation Ltd, against the decision of Mr David Neuberger, QC (*The Times* July 27, 1992) who, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, held that the charge of the plaintiffs, Mortgage Corporation Ltd, over property at 1 Park Gate, Blackheath, London, had priority.

Mr Thomas Dumont for the defendants; Mr David Hodge for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the proceedings raised a question of priority as between two charges on registered land. The first, to secure an advance of £367,500, was dated July 10, 1989 in favour of the plaintiffs. The second, to secure £60,000, was dated July 31, 1989 in favour of the defendants and on August 14, 1989 was entered in the charges register of title under section 49 of the Land Registration Act 1925. By that date the plaintiffs had not registered their charge. The plaintiffs subsequently obtained an order for possession of the property and sold it for £300,000.

His Lordship said there was no difficulty as to the priorities of registered charges, since section 29 of the 1925 Act provided in clear terms that, subject to any entry to the contrary on the register, registered charges on the same land ranked according to the order in which they were entered on the register, and not according to the order in which they were created.

As regarded charges, however, which for the time being were not registered charges, the first provision to be considered was section 106 of the 1925 Act, as substituted by the Administration of Justice Act 1977. The effect of that was that although a charge which was protected by a notice under section 49 was no longer capable of being overridden as a minor interest, it would still take effect only in equity unless and until it became a registered charge.

Subject to the effect of registration of a notice under section 49 in respect of an equitable charge, the general rule as to the priority of equitable charges was *qui prior est tempore potior est jure* (Co Litt 14).

There was no doubt that the main purpose of protecting an equitable charge by a notice under section 49 was to affect every subsequent purchaser or encumbrancer with notice of the charge. However, the actual protection accorded by the Act was expressed in wider terms in certain sections.

Thus, *prima facie*, the effect of section 20 was that if the plaintiffs had sold the land without having effected any registration or notice in the register in respect of their charge, their purchaser would have taken the land subject to the defendants' charge protected by the notice. The protection of a notice went even further as against the proprietor of a registered charge. Section 27 provided that a registered charge would take effect as a charge by way of legal mortgage or might contain an express demise or sub-demise.

That, standing alone, meant that if the plaintiffs' charge had been registered as a registered charge before the sale to the purchaser, the plaintiffs' charge would have ranked subject to the defendants' charge and the moneys thereby secured, because the defendants' charge was a charge, whenever created, noted on the register before the date of, assumed, registration of the plaintiffs' charge. For the purposes of section 27(3) the dates of registration were crucial, and not the dates of the original execution of documents subsequently registered.

One of the oddities in the present case was that it was not clear whether the plaintiffs' charge was in fact registered as a registered charge before the sale of the property to the purchasers took place. In those circumstances, it could not be shown, on the balance of probabilities, that the plaintiffs' charge was substantially registered as a registered charge and the defendants could not therefore bring the case within section 27(3).

The judge found that section 52(1) was limited to giving priority to a person who had registered a notice only in relation to interest granted subsequent to his interest.

As his Lordship read section 52(1), the only relevant date was that of registration or entry of notice subject to the final proviso. In the present case, the defendants' charge was necessarily overridden by the plaintiffs' charge.

If, by virtue of section 106, neither charge having been registered, both were regarded as taking effect only in equity and the equitable rule as to priorities applied. If they were considered independently even of section 106, they were both charges by way of legal mortgage and the defendants' charge could only take effect as a charge on the equity of redemption in the property subject to the plaintiffs' charge.

In his Lordship's judgment, section 52 was enacted to prescribe the effect of a notice entered on the register. The effect of a notice, as determined under section 52, would cut down any apparently wider effect that the general wording in other sections such as sections 20 and 27(3) would otherwise have had.

The particular qualifications imposed by the proviso to section 52(1) were that the interest protected by the notice had (i) to be valid apart from the notice and (ii) would not independently of the 1925 Act be overridden by the rival disposition.

Notice was notice, but it did not give validity, if validity were not otherwise there, and it did not give priority which would not, apart from the Act, have been there. Therefore the plaintiffs' charge had priority to the defendants' charge.

Lord Justice Kennedy and Sir Roger Parker agreed.

Solicitors: Brand Montague, Harrow; Reynolds Porter Chamberlain.

Harmonising practice in Admiralty Court

Practice Direction (Admiralty Court: Practice)

Harmonisation in practice between the Commercial Court and the Admiralty Court from June 8, 1993 was announced in a *Practice Direction* issued on May 10 by Mr Justice Clarke, Admiralty Judge.

MR JUSTICE CLARKE said:

Preface

1 Practice in the Commercial Court had for some time been governed not only by Order 72 of the Rules of the Supreme Court but also by the *Guide to Commercial Court Practice* (see *The Supreme Court Practice 1993* (vol 1, paras 72/A1 to 72/A31).

2 Many of the actions heard in the Admiralty Court raised similar issues to those heard in the Commercial Court. Many of those who regularly practised in the Admiralty Court also practised in the Commercial Court. Since 1987 there had been an Admiralty and Commercial Registry. In those circumstances it was desirable that there should be as much harmonisation as possible between the practice of the two courts, provided that care was taken to ensure that the two courts remained independent so that each might best serve the interests of those who wished to use it.

3 Those aims could best be served by improving the practice of the Admiralty Court in the following areas: the hearing of interlocutory applications by the Admiralty Judge, the listing of actions and the harmonisation of the general practice of the two courts where appropriate.

A Interlocutory applications

4 With effect from June 8 most summonses and other interlocutory applications (including motions) which were to be heard by the Admiralty Judge and which were short enough to be heard on "summons day" would ordinarily be listed for hearing on Fridays. The Admiralty Registrar would continue to hear interlocutory applications as before.

B Trials

5.1 With effect from June 8 trials would thus be heard on Mondays to Thursdays and, save in exceptional circumstances, would not be heard on Fridays.

5.2 Except where the Admiralty Judge otherwise directed, all actions would be heard by the Admiralty Judge.

However, the Admiralty and Commercial Registry would maintain a list of all matters to be heard in the Admiralty and Commercial Courts in order to ensure that the judicial resources of both courts were used to best effect.

All such listing would be under the direction of the Admiralty and Commercial Court listing officer.

5.3 That would enable the Admiralty Judge to hear actions in the Commercial Court and it would also enable judges of the Commercial Court to hear actions in the Admiralty Court where the facts of the particular case made that course appropriate.

5.4 It was stressed that the purpose of that change was to make both courts operate as efficiently as possible. Care would be taken to ensure that an Admiralty action which involved questions of navigation or other particular matters of an essentially Admiralty nature would be heard by the Admiralty Judge or (where necessary) by a judge nominated by the Admiralty Judge who had experience of such questions or matters.

C Practice

6.1 With effect from June 8 the *Guide to Commercial Court Practice* would govern the practice in the Admiralty Court so far as applications to and hearings before the Admiralty Judge were concerned, save where the provisions of that guide could apply only to commercial actions and save that applications in the Admiralty Court would continue to be heard by the Admiralty Judge or the Admiralty Registrar in accordance with the Rules of the Supreme Court.

6.2 Thus the following sections of the *Guide to Commercial Court Practice* would apply to proceedings in the Admiralty Court before the Admiralty Judge:

III *Ex parte* applications; IV Service out of the jurisdiction; V *Mareva* and *Anton Piller* injunctions; VI Summonses *inter partes*; VII Arbitration matters; VIII Security for costs; IX Pleadings; X Amendment of pleadings; XI Discovery and interrogatories; XII The summons for directions (except for paras 12.1 and 12.2); XIII Preliminary issues; XIV Exchange of evidence: factual witnesses; XV Exchange of evidence: expert witnesses; XVI Documents; XVII *Preparation for long trials* (save that the reference in para 17.2 to a single judge would be a reference to the Admiralty Judge unless he otherwise directed); XVIII Pre-trial check-list; XIX The trial.

6.3 The reason that some parts of the *Guide to Commercial Court Practice* had been omitted was that they did not seem to be appropriate to an Admiralty action having regard to the express terms of Order 75 and to the fact that Order 72 did not apply to an Admiralty action.

However, suggestions from the Admiralty Court Committee (or indeed from any other user of the Admiralty Court) as to how the practice of the court could be improved in that or any other respect would be welcome.

6.4 Admiralty Practice Directions, direction 4 (*Practice Direction (Admiralty Directions)* ([1973] 1 WLR 1146), para 4, as amended by *Practice Direction (Admiralty: Directions)* ([1982] 1 WLR 660); *The Supreme Court Practice 1993* (vol 2, para 1326) would cease to have effect.

Conclusion

7.1 This Practice Direction was issued with the consent of Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, and with the approval of Mr Justice Saville as judge in charge of the Commercial Court.

7.2 The changes in the practice set out above would come into effect from June 8, 1993, subject to any adjustments which might be necessary as a result of arrangements or orders already made at the date of this *Practice Direction*.

Accepting anticipatory repudiation

Vitol SA v Norelf Ltd

Before Mr Justice Phillips

[Judgment April 30]

A mere failure to perform contractual obligations was capable of constituting the acceptance of an anticipatory repudiation of a contract by the other party.

Mr Justice Phillips so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing the appeal of Norelf Ltd, Bermuda against the decision of the arbitrator, Mr Iain Milligan, QC, in favour of Vitol SA, Geneva.

On February 11, 1991, Vitol entered a contract to buy from Norelf a cargo of propane which provided dates in March when the vessel should arrive, berth and leave. Vitol, by a Telex on March 8 to Norelf, repudiated the contract on the ground that delivery was due to be effected March 1 to 7, 1991 but loading would not be completed until March 9.

The vessel completed loading and thereafter neither party took any steps to perform the contract. Vitol had agreed a price of US$400 per tonne. On March 12 Norelf began attempting to resell the cargo, succeeding on March 15 at $170 per tonne.

The arbitrator's holding that Vitol's rejection Telex constituted an anticipatory breach of contract was not challenged. Vitol challenged that part of the arbitrator's award in which he said: "Unless the breach was accepted by Norelf it was of no effect ... the breach could have been remedied by withdrawal of the rejection ... at any time before it was accepted. However, the breach was never remedied ... the tenor of the rejection Telexes was such that the failure of Norelf to take any further step to perform the contract, which was apparent to Vitol, constituted sufficient communication of acceptance..."

Mr Andrew Popplewell for Vitol SA; Mr Jeremy Cooke, QC, for Norelf Ltd.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that Mr Popplewell relied upon Lord Justice Winn in *Denmark Productions Ltd v Boscobel Productions Ltd* ([1969] 1 QB 699, 731), where he said that the process of ending a contract was the converse of that of making the same contract "operating by offer and acceptance".

Many contractual offers were capable of acceptance by conduct which was not communicated to the offeror.

If it was right to treat a refusal by a buyer to accept the goods, as an offer to the seller to treat the contract as at an end, his Lordship saw no reason in principle why that offer should not, if the language used or the surrounding circumstances were appropriate, be deemed to invite acceptance by selling the goods in question to a third party without prior communication to the defaulting buyer.

Here the issue was not communication but a narrower one. The conduct in question was a failure to take further steps to perform a contract. The analogy with contractual offer and acceptance made by Lord Justice Winn could not be applied precisely.

Acceptance of a repudiation came closer to acceptance of a contractual offer, for what was required was words or conduct which made it plain that the innocent party was responding to the repudiation by treating the contract as at an end: see *Heyman v Darwins* ([1942] AC 356, 361).

His Lordship saw no reason why acceptance of repudiation should not be effected by acts as opposed to words. Nor could he see why the act in question should not be one which, but for the fact that it was a response to a repudiation, would itself be a breach of contract.

Mr Popplewell argued that the response of the innocent party would always be equivocal; it would not be apparent that the act was a response to the repudiation. Where, however, the innocent party did not respond to a repudiation by affirmation but proceeded to take action which was incompatible with his own continued performance of the contract, it might be quite clear that he was responding to the repudiation by treating the contract as at an end.

Could the innocent party demonstrate acceptance of a repudiation simply by failing further to perform his own contractual obligations? Again Mr Popplewell submitted it could not because inactivity was bound to be equivocal.

Again his Lordship could not agree. It depended upon the circumstances.

Failure to progress an arbitration was a good example of inertia that was likely to be equivocal but in other types of contractual relationship, where the parties were bound to perform specific acts in relation to one another, a failure to perform an act which a party was obliged to perform if the contract remained alive might be very significant.

It was not difficult to envisage circumstances in which, if such conduct followed a renunciation, the obvious inference would be that the innocent party was responding to the repudiation by treating the contract as at an end.

Might, as a matter of law, mere failure to perform contractual obligations ever constitute acceptance of anticipatory repudiation by the other party?

In his Lordship's judgment it could.

Solicitors: Holman Fenwick & Willan; Clyde & Co.

Separate notices of appeal not required

Hawes v Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Same v Same
Same v Same

There was no reason to continue the practice of lodging separate notices of appeal in respect of each and every order of the court in respect of one action.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Steyn) so stated on May 13 when dismissing appeals brought by Timothy Graeme Hawes against the dismissal by Judge Boothman at Bristol County Court on April 27, 1992 of his claim that his arrest had been unlawful.

LORD JUSTICE STEYN said that the second paragraph of Note 59/1/4 of *The Supreme Court Practice 1993* read: "Where two, or more, orders have been made by the court or tribunal below, then separate notices of appeal will be required in respect of each order."

It seemed unnecessary to his Lordship to have such a procedure since there was nothing in Order 59, rule 1 which demanded it.

Furthermore, there was no good reason why the procedure should continue and his Lordship hoped that the editors of *The Supreme Court Practice* would amend the note to read that in respect of two or more orders in one action it was only necessary to file one notice of appeal.

Of course, in the case of one hearing of more than one action it was still necessary to file a notice of appeal in respect of each action.

No judicial review of imam's decision

Regina v Imam of Bury Park Mosque, Luton, Ex parte Sulaiman Ali and Others

The decision of an imam to exclude a number of persons from a list of those eligible to vote in respect of the affairs of a mosque did not attract the High Court's supervisory jurisdiction by way of judicial review, since there was no element of public law either in his function or in the nature of his decision.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Roch) so held on May 12 dismissing the appeal of Mr Sulaiman Ali on behalf of himself and 304 others from the decision of Mr Justice Auld on August 30, 1991, to dismiss his application for judicial review of the imam's decision to exclude persons from the voters' list.

LORD JUSTICE ROCH said that the test as to whether judicial review was available was set out, for example, in *R v Panel on Takeovers and Mergers, Ex parte Datafin plc* ([1987] QB 815, 838) and *R v Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of Great Britain and the Commonwealth, Ex parte Wachmann* ([1992] 1 WLR 1036, 1041).

In the present case the imam was fulfilling a task he had been asked to do following an action in the Chancery Division and with the agreement of the parties. Furthermore, the nature of his power to make the decision came from an order of the court binding on the parties and based on the private law of contract.

Whether street trader is occupier of land

O'Gorman v Brent London Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Evans and Mr Justice Morland

[Judgment March 31]

Whether a person trading on premises was an occupier of the land and therefore fell within the exception in section 21(2)(j) of the London Local Authorities Act 1990 was a question of fact and degree.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when dismissing an appeal by Anthony O'Gorman by way of case stated against his conviction by Willesden Justices on May 8, 1992 of engaging in street trading in the London Borough of Brent in a street which was not a licensed street, contrary to section 38(1)(a) of the 1990 Act.

The appellant had set up trestle tables in the forecourt of premises known as "Kwik-Fit", pursuant to permission given by the manager of the store. On the tables were displayed T-shirts that were intended to be sold to the public.

Section 21 of the 1990 Act provides: "(2) The following are not street trading for the purposes of this part of the Act — ... (j) the sale, exposure or offer for sale or offer or provision of services on any land comprised in a street ... by the owner or occupier of the land ..."

Mr David M. G. Brooke for the appellant; Mr Clive Lewis for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE MORLAND said that whether the appellant fell within the exception under section 21(2)(j) of the 1990 Act in that he was not street trading contrary to section 38(1)(a) of the 1990 Act as he was a licensee of the forecourt and therefore an occupier of the land, was essentially a question of fact and degree and depended on the nature of the undoubted permission given by the manager to the appellant to set up trade in the forecourt of the premises.

In his Lordship's judgment, the appellant had no right of control over the area, nor the right to exclude anyone from it.

The appellant had a licence for a limited purpose to set up tables on the forecourt and to trade from it. That was the full extent of the licence. He did not acquire from that licence any right to trade, power, possession, or control of that area.

Despite submissions as to the mischief aimed at by the statute, the appellant was clearly not an occupier of the forecourt within section 21(2)(j). The mischief aimed at by the statute was unlicensed street trading on an unlicensed street, presumably to prevent street trading or use of areas adjacent to a street.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS, agreeing, said that the phrase "owner or occupier" within section 21(2)(j) of the 1990 Act might suggest that the person concerned must have some interest in the land. That was not necessarily so. The phrase was not limited to freeholder or possessor of land. It was a question of fact and degree.

Solicitors: Keable & Co, Kentish Town; Ms Amanda Kelly, Wembley.

Court vigilant over pension funds

London Regional Transport Pension Fund Company Ltd and Another v Hall and Others

Where two pension funds were amalgamated into one, the rules of which gave a wide degree of latitude to the employer and put him in a position where his duties and interests were likely to conflict, the court should be vigilant to see that his duties to have regard to pre-existing rights of the two funds' members were properly observed, and not taken away unless that was a proper incident of the amalgamation.

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division on May 5 in making three decisions and adjourning the hearing to enable the parties to arrive at a negotiated compromise in the light of his findings.

MR JUSTICE KNOX held (1) that the London Transport 1970 Superannuation Fund ("the wages fund") and Pension Fund ("the staff fund") were, pursuant to section 16 of the London Regional Transport Act 1989 amalgamated into a new fund, of which the applicant was trustee under a trust deed dated March 31, 1989; (2) that since LRT had been bound to contribute a minimum of 2½ of most members' contributions to each previous fund, and had been unable unilaterally to determine either fund, such were private rights of sufficient weight for them to come within the ambit of the protection, from removal on amalgamation, conferred by section 16; (3) the new rules were, however, not void, but valid subject to an obligation to rectify the offending provisions.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Insufficient information in request for ruling

Pretore di Genova v Banchero

Case C-157/92

Before O. Due, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, M. Zuleeg, J. L. Murray, G. F. Mancini, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, F. Grévisse, M. Diez de Velasco, P. J. G. Kapteyn and D. A. O. Edward

Advocate General C. Gulmann

[Order March 19]

An order referring a case for a preliminary ruling which gave insufficient information on the facts and provisions of national law before the referring court did not enable the Court of Justice of the European Communities to give a useful interpretation of Community law.

The European Court of Justice so held in declaring a request for a preliminary ruling submitted by the *Pretura Circondariale di Genova* (District Magistrate's Court, Genoa) manifestly inadmissible.

In connection with criminal proceedings against him before the *Pretore de Genova* on account of his unlawful possession of 2.3kg of foreign cigarettes, Giorgio Banchero pleaded that the Italian monopoly for manufactured tobacco and the national rules applicable in the event of the importation of manufactured tobacco from other member states were incompatible with Community law.

Those arguments led the *Pretore* to refer to the Court of Justice a number of questions on the interpretation of various articles of the EEC Treaty and of the relevant Council Directive.

In its order the Court, having heard the Advocate General, ruled as follows:

It was necessary first to recall that the requirement to provide an interpretation of Community law which would be useful for the national judge required the latter to define the factual and legislative background or at least to explain the factual circumstances upon which the questions were based.

As the Court had held in Joined Cases C-320 to C-322/90 *Telemarsicabruzzo and Others* (*The Times* February 10) those requirements were particularly important in certain fields, such as that of competition, which were characterised by complex factual and legal circumstances.

However, the order for reference did not contain sufficient indications to meet those requirements. The national court confined itself to referring, first, to the Italian monopoly for manufactured tobacco, without specifying the constituent elements, and to unspecified discrimination with respect to the conditions governing the procurement and the sale of goods; second, to the frontier surcharge imposed on imports of manufactured tobacco from other member states and, finally, to criminal penalties applicable to illegal imports of manufactured tobacco.

The national court indicated neither the content of the national legislation to which it referred nor the precise reasons which led it to question its compatibility with Community law and to consider it necessary to refer questions to the Court for a preliminary ruling.

Owing to excessively vague reference to the factual and legal situations contemplated by the national court, the information contained in the order for reference did not allow the Court to give a useful interpretation of Community law.

In those circumstances it was to be held, pursuant to article 92 of the Rules of Procedure, that the questions submitted to the Court for a preliminary ruling were manifestly inadmissible.

On those grounds the Court ordered:

The request for a preliminary ruling submitted by the *Pretura Circondariale di Genova*, by order of March 14, 1992, was inadmissible.

Question inadmissible as not from court or tribunal

Corbiau v Administration des Contributions

Case C-24/92

Before O. Due, President and Judges G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, M. Zuleeg, J. L. Murray, G. F. Mancini, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida and F. Grévisse

Advocate General M. Darmon

(Opinion February 16)

[Judgment March 30]

For the purposes of article 177 of the EEC Treaty the term "court or tribunal" was to be defined in a Community context and, by definition, could only be used in respect of an authority which was a third party in relation to the body or person which had adopted the decision which was the subject of the proceedings concerned.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in declaring inadmissible a question submitted to it by the *Directeur des Contributions* (Director of Taxation), Luxembourg.

The applicant, who was a Belgian national, worked in a bank in Luxembourg. He was resident in the Grand Duchy until October 25, 1990 when he moved to Belgium while continuing to work in Luxembourg. His tax status thereby changed from being a resident taxpayer to that of a taxpayer non-resident in Luxembourg.

When his final tax assessment for 1990 was drawn up it appeared that, by reason of that change of status, the amount of tax due was less than the amount which had been deducted from Mr Corbiau's salary by his employer.

The Luxembourg tax authorities having refused to repay the excess Mr Corbiau complained to the *Directeur des Contributions*, replying in particular on article 48 of the EEC Treaty as interpreted by the Court of Justice in Case C-175/88 *Biehl v Administration des Contributions* ([1990] ECR 1-1779).

Having doubts as to the manner in which that interpretation was to be applied in the case before him the *Directeur des Contributions* decided to submit a question to the European Court for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities ruled as follows:

Before dealing with the question it was necessary to enquire whether the *Directeur des Contributions* was a "court or tribunal" within the meaning of article 177 and, consequently, whether the question was admissible.

In that regard it was necessary to recall that the term "court or tribunal" was of a Community nature and that, by definition, it could only refer to an authority which was a third party in relation to the body or person which had adopted the decision which was the subject-matter of the proceedings.

In the present case the *Directeur des Contributions* did not have such a position.

As the head of the tax authority he had a clear institutional connection with the services which had made the disputed assessment and against which the complaint before him was directed.

That finding was confirmed moreover, by the fact that, in the event of an appeal before the *Conseil d'Etat* (State Council), the *Directeur des Contributions* would become a party to the proceedings.

It followed that the *Directeur des Contributions* was not a court or tribunal for the purposes of article 177.

On those grounds the European Court ruled:

The question submitted by the *Directeur des Contributions* of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg was inadmissible.

Under stress? Stroke the dog

The choice of a pet should be governed by more than just having the space for it. **Ros Drinkwater** reports

A prominent financier, teetering on the brink of bankruptcy, claims the only thing that keeps him sane is the affection of his cat. "It isn't even mine," he says. "It climbed in the window one night and adopted me."

The theraputic value of pets is well documented. An organisation called Pets as Therapy has 7,000 registered dogs that regularly visit hospitals, hospices and residential homes.

Stroking a dog or cat lowers the blood pressure. There are no statistics on the benefits (or otherwise) of keeping a tarantula, but Bruce Fogel, a vet and author of 11 best-selling animal books, advises sticking to domesticated species — cats, dogs, fish, birds and what he calls "warm furries", guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, mice and rats.

Whatever animal you choose, do your homework on its environmental needs and possibly unacceptable habits. Research has shown that rats which were moved from a boring cage to a rat Disneyland developed more brain cells and became more active and alert. Gerbils and guinea pigs should be kept in social groups, hamsters are solitary creatures. Reptiles, being cold-blooded, need a large investment in heating equipment.

Each year in Britain more animals die from euthanasia than any other cause, usually because of "unpredictable" behaviour — terrapins grow too large, untrained dogs bark and show aggression. Even the smallest dog needs a lot of exercise in public places, all that sniffing and leg cocking is an intrinsic part of the canine communication network. Confine a dog to its own territory — a garden — and you deprive it of a basic need.

Mr Fogel cautions against buying solo birds. "Many, including parrots and budgies, are socially gregarious and should be bought in pairs," he says. "Humans make good dog substitutes, reasonably good cat substitutes but lousy bird substitutes. We can't regurgitate seed to show affection as a budgie does."

For those who still hanker after the exotic, adoption is worth considering. For £15 you can adopt a humpback whale. The Whale Adoption Project offers a choice of 50 indentified animals that migrate every year between the Caribbean and Canada. The fee, used for scientific research involving sea and aerial surveys, includes a full-colour poster, adoption certificate, car sticker, brochure and illustrated biographies of the animal.

Closer to home, the adoption schemes of conservation-minded zoos have the obvious advantage of being able to visit your "adoptee". London Zoo has 650 species to choose from; £20 will pay for a year's upkeep of a rabbit, mouse or angel fish, or for those that way inclined, a leech, a piranha or a praying mantis. You can buy a £30 share in any animal whose yearly feeding costs are more than £60, such as French and Saunders, the baby penguins in the photograph.

"The breeding of endangered species is the prime mission of the zoo," says Clare Robinson, senior education officer. "The live animal collection offers the third dimension it is impossible to get from wildlife films — appreciating the size and the smell of animals most people cannot possibly afford to see in the wild. Adopting is the perfect way for a child to learn respect for wildlife and the importance of conservation."

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MICHAEL POWELL



Adoption scheme: £30 can help pay for the feeding costs of French and Saunders, baby penguins at London Zoo

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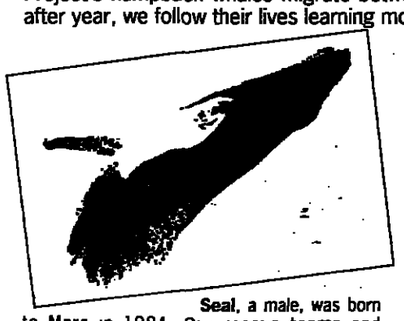
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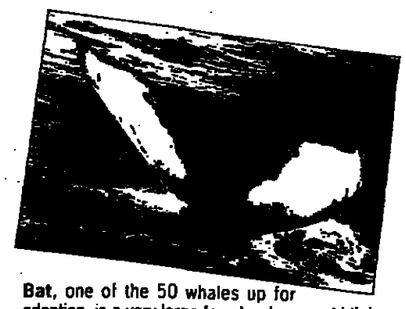
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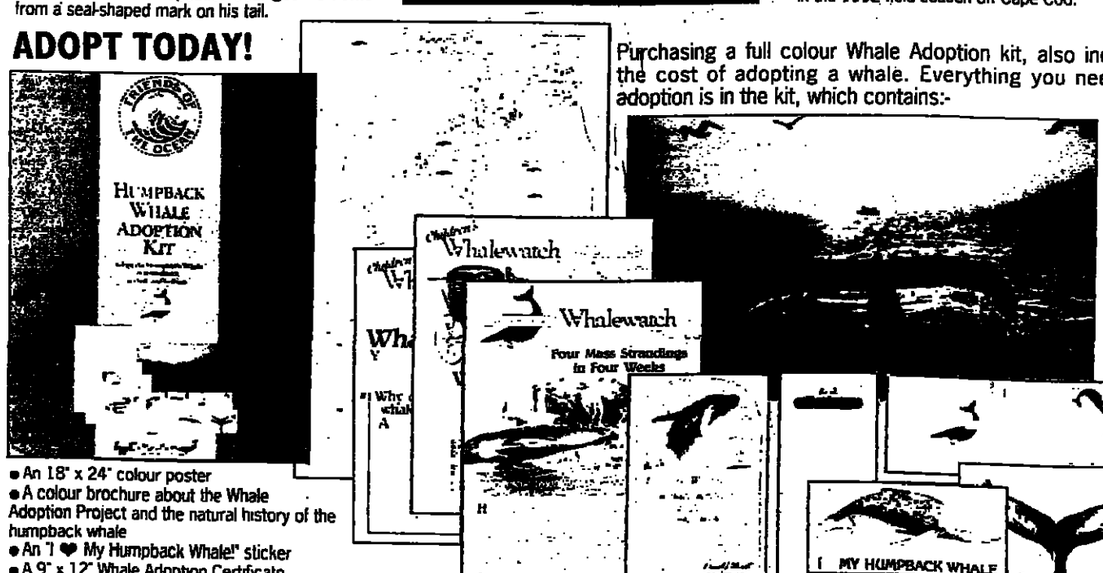
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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on this week's new but familiar releases; and the continuing saga of the Cannes festival

A man's gotta do what a Ladd once did

Joe Eszterhas is currently the highest-paid scriptwriter this side of the moon, but I trust he did not command his usual fee when collaborating on **Nowhere To Run**. Stop me if this plot rings a bell: a stranger with a violent past comes to the rescue of an embattled homestead, fighting bigwigs and a hired thug for control of the land. The family's young son worships the stranger; the mother casts an admiring eye.

This is *Shane*, of course, now kitted out as a vehicle for Jean-Claude Van Damme, the "muscles from Brussels" usually seen kicking heads and butts in video fodder. This is his bid for respectability, although hijacking one of the most fondly remembered of Hollywood Westerns seems a pretty shabby way to secure it.

In Robert Harmon's film Shane is now Sam, who escapes from his prison escort and lies low near the home of widow Rosanna Arquette and her two children. Joss Ackland's hammy land developer is breathing down their necks, but this "one little woman in the middle of a wheatfield" refuses to sell. So Van Damme's Sam — a quiet gent usually, but a positive brute when he puts on dark glasses — lurches into action, using every available muscle, a Triumph motorcycle, plus a few farm implements.

Above and beyond the plot's conflicts, another battle rages, between art and exploitation. One side of the film wants Van Damme to upgrade his image and be the classic Hollywood loner, like Gary Cooper or, of course, Alan Ladd in *Shane*. It does not work: the shallow script is against him and, for Van Damme, being serious means being monotonous. Another side wants him to appease his fans, bare his chest and leap into mayhem like Flash Gordon, saving a propane gas container from exploding with half a second to spare. This is the side that wins.

But the air of muddle is all-pervading. Mythic simplicity in rustic colours makes a poor bedfellow with strong-arm action. The result: a curious film, lost in a cul-de-sac with nowhere to run.

You may have thought the *Airport* disaster movies of the 1970s had been safely consigned to history. But old formulae die hard, especially in this week's releases, and **Passenger 57** revives many essentials of the genre.

A planeload of people is threatened by a crazed terrorist who specialises in air calamities and is being transported (by aircraft, naturally) for trial in Los Angeles. On board is an anti-terrorism expert riven with guilt over his wife's recent death, and the inevitable Girl Friday. Down below is Atlanta International Airport, nicely adjacent to a bustling fairground, and a clump of inadequate local cops. The only clichés missing are bad weather and George Kennedy.

To be fair, Kevin Hooks's film supplies breezy enough entertainment. Bruce Payne's sneering baddie, a shaggy-haired English aristocrat called Charles Rane, may prove monotonous as the reels pile up. But Wesley Snipes's undoubted charisma works wonders for John Cutter, the anti-terrorism expert plagued by demons. Although the script may be famous, Snipes's authority and intelligence come to the rescue: the camera loves him.

As for in-flight mayhem, there is nothing here to compare with *Alive*; yet the cabin explosions and daredevil leaps round the landing gear are all decently staged. If you need to waste time seeing a potboiler, *Passenger 57* will do the honours nicely.

Independent cinema has its own set formulae. Dani Levy's **I Was On Mars** could scarcely exist without the Jim Jarmusch of *Stranger Than Paradise*. There is the same slow, deadpan tempo and tone; the same focus on an east European immigrant bemused by the American dream. Levy, a German Swiss actor and film-maker, cannot match Jarmusch for wit or visual felicity, but this slip of a film, now two years old, is engaging enough to deserve a small place in the sun.

The opening shots introduce us to Silva (Maria Schrader), a prim Polish girl arriving in New York with a lacy blouse, sensible shoes, down-turned mouth and scarcely a word of English. She secures a hotel room, but gets robbed of her dollars by Alio, an Italianate con artist (memorably played by the director himself in a powder-blue suit and boomerang-shaped sideburns). Once she tracks down the thief she sticks like a limpet and becomes part of the household, vying for sexual favours with the scrounger's timid cousin.

In odd shots and moments, Levy captures the bewildered immigrant's experience as she stares at a hostile, decrepit New York. Silva's furtive manner and brusque responses are initially a good source of fun, but they end up a liability: we get to know nothing about her background, or her goals. By the time she shows she is more than a docile dolt, the film is almost over. Lacking any strong drama or point, *I Was On Mars* must stand or fall on its low-key whimsies.

More wellworn movie thoughts emerge during the course of the Israeli **Cup Final**. War is hell, war is absurd; but in the depths of the madness, soldiers on both sides can still share a common humanity. The novelty of Eran Riklis's film stems instead from its setting, the Israel-Lebanon war of 1982.

The hero (Moshe Ivgi) is a reluctant Israeli reserve soldier, hauled into action just when he was poised to travel to Spain to see his favourite team, Italy, play in the World Cup. To make matters worse, he is captured by a PLO unit retreating with difficulty towards Beirut. Riklis, a director of commercials, documentaries and shorts, steers clear of direct political comment, and is careful to be fair to both sides. Viewed as drama, the script veers towards the trite, but thanks to buoyant ensemble acting the comedy emerges unforced.

Finally, **The Abyss: Special Edition** is 28 minutes longer than the original 1989 thriller, and now lasts just under three hours. James Cameron's film about extra-terrestrials bewildering divers inspecting a stricken Navy sub on the ocean floor was always grandiose, enjoyable nonsense. The extra footage, particularly apparent towards the end, rounds out the epic with due fanfares and special effects.

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He's strong, tough, caring and sensitive — and he doesn't need to stand on a box to kiss the girl: Jean-Claude Van Damme (with Kieran Culkin) in *Nowhere To Run*

Greenaway pleases himself

At Cannes, the master's latest contribution to the art of the obscure leaves his audience cold

"What are we going to see this time?" someone mutters with foreboding as the infant hero in **The Baby of Mâcon** is about to be delivered from a bulbous 17th-century hag. The baby, in fact, proves amazingly bonny, but since this is a new Peter Greenaway film, screened out of competition at Cannes, there is much else to absorb.

There are candles, wigs and plush vestments galore; baroque cathedral finery; farmyard animals; tableaux echoing paintings of the Virgin Birth; a woman raped 208 times. The weight and volume of the film's imagery is oppressive: the wide screen frame feels like a mortuary slab.

With *Prospero's Books* there was Shakespeare's text to animate proceedings. Here Greenaway bogs himself down in his own tale about the baby's sister and the church authorities exploiting the miraculous birth for their personal gain. To complicate matters, the drama is presented as a play in performance in Italy, 1659, and the boundaries between illusion and reality are constantly crossed.

Greenaway and his European cohorts pull off their usual technical wonders on a modest budget, but the impression persists that *The Baby of Mâcon* is the work of someone coldly and arrogantly cosseting his artistry while letting the audience go hang.

We British seem currently enamoured of religious material. Chris Newby's **Anchoress**, a valiant first feature screened in *Un Certain Regard* deals with a 14th-century peasant girl who is enclosed within church walls as a pure and holy object of veneration. Newby's past shorts, especially *Relax*, have shown him a master of visual texture, and the film's black and white photography is stunning. Actors and dialogue do not yet seem his forté, but he deserves the chance to persevere.

We should also hear more from Tran Anh Hung, and with time we may be able to pronounce his name. He is Vietnamese, aged 30, and his first feature **The Smell of the Green Papaya** is a wonderful Cannes discovery. The story, about a peasant girl working as a servant in Saigon in the 1950s and early 1960s, is minimal: what matters here are the girl's changing feelings and the delicate domestic atmosphere. The labyrinthine, humid rooms, rich in ornaments, lattice screens, mouth-watering food, peeping frogs and lizards, were astonishingly constructed in a French studio: a triumph of set design for Alain Nègre. There is something of the Sternberg in its florid visual decoration: something of Ozu, too, in its observation and calm. The film is perhaps a little too precious, but there is no doubt that Tran Anh Hung shows enormous potential.

How, you may ask, are the established masters doing? Wim Wenders is not faring too well, although **Faraway, So Close!**, entered in competition, marks a slight advance on the tedious *Until the End of the World*. This is a sequel to *Ring of Desire*. Otto Sander's angel gets immersed in romance, skulduggery and philosophical debate in the newly unified Berlin; he also, for a few seconds, peeps over Mikhail Gorbachev's shoulder.

The film begins in angelic black and white, then switches to colour once the angel becomes human. But whatever the hues, the film remains a windy farrago, with just a few scattered visual delights. It lasts three hours.



Faces of faith: Anna Niland, the wet nurse, and Nils Dorando, *The Baby of Mâcon*

Luckily, the Taviani brothers are holding their own. **Fiorile**, also in competition, may not have the force of their work ten years ago, but it constantly beguiles the eye and heart. The script, as usual, is anecdotal, and snakes through the centuries charting the fortunes of the Benedetti family and the curse placed upon it by the theft of gold from the coffers of Napoleon's Tuscan expedition. The time clock then jumps to 1903 and 1944 before bringing family history up to date; the same actors assume different generations.

The Tavianis are marvellous story-tellers and treat their characters, however stupid or avaricious, with the utmost tenderness; while Giuseppe Lance's photography bathes the film in crisp, clear light. One's only quibble is with the film's ultimate point: the fact that money does not bring happiness is old news, after all.

Much has been made in the trade papers of America's low profile in the Cannes competition, although this scarcely holds true for the festival as a whole. Independent American films are everywhere. For a few days an enormous inflated replica of Arnold Schwarzenegger plus machine gun was moored in the bay off the Croisette — a promotion for his summer blockbuster *The Last Action Hero*. Huge billboards advertise *Moby Dick*, directed by Roland Joffe, a film that as yet only exists on paper.

But we need something special to galvanise the air: a new, young American talent to discover, like Steven Soderbergh or John Singleton. One has not been forthcoming, although the Directors' Fortnight section is currently touting Allen and Albert Hughes, 20-year-old twins with a music video background.

Their debut feature is **Menace II Society**, a raw, raucous dip into the urban hell of Los Angeles's black ghettos. Talent they have, but relentless violence topped off by a quick moral homily is not the best way to improve anyone's life.

TELEVISION: Inside Story (BBC1)



They also wait, who only stand for service: hopeful Network SouthEast "customers"

Lines on the leaves

Imagine if last night's BBC1 **Inside Story** documentary on British Rail had first been delayed by ten minutes, then switched to BBC2, then delayed a further half hour on its new channel because of interference from the wrong kind of broadcasting signal, and that you could not even take solace in a tea-style hot drink because for some reason your kitchen was "out of service" to customers. This is what commuting on BR seems to be like.

As the opening credits rolled on *Old, Dirty And Late*, about Network SouthEast, you wondered why BR's normally publicity-sensitive bosses agreed to let the television cameras in to film a week's worth of chaos, suffering and anger. And that was just among the BR staff. Kent's commuting "customers" were even more furious.

By the end of the documentary, you felt the reason must be that BR had decided to take a gamble: that maybe, after watching this menu of mishaps, other commuters might think "there but for the grace, etc", might appreciate just how *really* awful strap-hanging can get, and might in future convince themselves that if all they suffer is a delay now and then, it is fit cause for rejoicing.

I'm not sure the strategy worked. The star of the show was John Arthur, mobile operations manager, the Red Adair of Network SouthEast. The only difference is his trouble spots are in Kent rather than Kuwait, and instead of high-tech fire-fighting equipment, his tactical ally is his low-tech clip-on BR tie, which ensures that when fuming passengers yank his neckwear he is not strangled.

Being a BR station announcer means always having to say, "We regret that", even though this reaches the platforms sounding like it was said in Swedish. The week that BBC cameras were in tow began with 25 diversions and 105 delays because weekend track repairs outside Charing Cross overran into the Monday morning rush hour.

It got worse as the week unfolded. An IRA bomb threat, a points failure, a broken sleeper, a suicide on the line. "The last thing we do is cancel a train," said Red Adair. Since the Swedish voiceover then announced a catalogue of cancelled trains, you wondered just what kind of hectic trouble-shooting hell BR staff routinely went through.

The first thing you are taught in BR Training School is: "There is always an excuse." Of course there is: bombs, staff shortages, old equipment — can't blame the staff for *that*! We saw BR bosses complaining about underfunding, staff rota managers moaning that if drivers didn't work overtime the service would be even worse. But they did not twig that if the disruptions were only occasional, commuters would not be turning grey with frustration. In Japan, a late train is cause for the driver to contemplate suicide, an option that you felt many Network SouthEast commuters would happily import.

Watching the rush hour crowds at a London mainline station is gruesome. How is it that there exist pressure groups which campaign to improve the transit arrangements of sheep and chickens, but happily allow humans to be shoved and shovelled like Cup Final crowds through the mouth of platform barriers and train doors? Arthur is rightly furious when passengers spit at him when all he is trying to do is fix some disaster. A sociologist might conclude that if you treat people like animals, well . . .

JOE JOSEPH

Otello turns to talent spotting

While recording his greatest role, perhaps for the last time, Placido Domingo launched a vocal competition. **Nicolas Soames** reports

It was 10.30pm in the old Opera Garnier in Paris, and Placido Domingo was showing no signs of fatigue. He had just completed two intense sessions for his new recording of *Otello* under the baton of Myung Whun Chung, had a shower and a quick snack, and gone on to the Opera Garnier for this special event: ten singers competing in the final of his new competition for young singers, the "Concours International de Voice d'Opera Placido Domingo".

Flanked by an international jury — including former Covent Garden boss Sir John Tooley and the present directors of La Scala Milan and the Vienna Opera — the Spanish tenor settled down to three hours of competition culminating in the choice of four winners led by a vivacious Spanish soprano Ainhoa Arteta Ibarrolaburu. She had also won the audience prize, for an effervescent performance of "E strano" from *La traviata*, and was clearly the star of the evening.

As Domingo paused in his final remarks, there was a call from the gallery exhorting him to sing. He smiled but declined, explaining that in the day's recording he had sung himself dry. The call came again, and Domingo suggested that Ibarrolaburu repeat her prize song.

After ensuring that the German tenor Wolfgang Bunten was ready for his contribution as Alfredo — which he had done earlier — she began to sing. But it wasn't Bunten who joined in. Domingo signalled to Bunten and stepped in at the last second. Ibarrolaburu received the shock of her life, and so did the audience. After an evening of aspiring professionals, to hear one of the great voices of the century was a striking experience. Equally remarkable was that, despite the arduous day, the voice sounded as vibrant as ever.

This, as much as anything, is his hallmark: a tireless energy that, at 52, enables him to live the itinerary of a 30-year-old, and to sound like one too. Next day, he was back at the session, undertaking the big opening aria, "Esultate".. "There are so many things I still want to do," he explains. One of the latest is this idea for the annual Domingo competition. "There is so much talent out there that is not being recognised for one reason or another," Domingo declares. "It is difficult to get noticed, and even get an agent."

He offered four prizes of Ffr 50,000 each, plus a chance to sing at an international level. Some 450 candidates attended heats in seven European countries: the four winners demonstrated the international breadth: Nina Stemme from Sweden showed herself to be a promising Wagner soprano; Kwangchul Youn from Korea has a huge and striking bass; Inva Mula-Cako, a soprano from Albania, was a member of the chorus of the Opera Bastille; and the lively Ibarrolaburu who, it transpired, had recently won a similar event at the Met. The British bass Stephen Gadd reached the last ten. Next year Domingo plans to hold the event in Vienna; London may be the venue in 1995.

It was not coincidental that the event was dovetailed into a recording in Paris, but the recording was not supposed to be of *Otello*. As late as February the work was going to be Berlioz's *Benvenuto Cellini*. At the last minute Domingo decided he wasn't ready, and substituted what will surely be his last recording of *Otello*. But Deutsche Grammophon could not complain. No singer is more closely associated now with the most challenging of Verdi's tenor roles than Domingo. He first recorded it in 1977 under James Levine; then again for EMI to accompany Zeffirelli's memorable film. He has lost count of the number of times he has sung it on stage, most recently in London with Georg Solti and in Paris with the director of the Bastille Opera, Myung Whun Chung. It is no secret that Domingo has been waiting for the great but reclusive conductor Carlos Kleiber to agree to go into a studio to put his final thoughts on the role on record. Clearly he got tired of waiting, and decided to record it with Chung following the successful Bastille production last year.

"Maestro Chung is a sensation," Domingo says. "He has so much Latin feeling in him, yet there is all the oriental precision in the orchestra." And, with reference to last year's disaster in Seville, when the stage collapsed during rehearsals, killing a chorus member, he adds: "We wanted to do it as a kind of homage."



Domingo as Otello at Covent Garden: tired of waiting for Kleiber?

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

BALLET IMPERIAL: To mark the tenth anniversary of the death of George Balanchine, Covent Garden revives *Ballet Imperial*, the first of his works to enter the Royal Ballet repertoire. This revival is performed in the original version which he created in America in 1941 and taught to the then Sadler's Wells Ballet in 1950: Eugene Berman's designs for Sadler's Wells are recreated by Anthony Dowell. *Ballet Imperial* is part of a triple bill that includes Bintley's popular *Still Life at the Penguin Cafe* and MacMillan's elegiac *Gloria*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), 7.30pm

MACBETH. Kristine Ciesinski returns to the Coliseum to recreate her stunning portrayal of Lady Macbeth in David Pountney's staging of the Verdi opera, revived for English National Opera by Julia Hollander. Mark Elder conducts his last project as the company's music director.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), opens tonight, 7.30pm.

ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA: Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins in John Caird's thoughtful but not universally liked production for the Royal Shakespeare Company. Will he still be showing us, as in Stratford, the silhouetted lovers united in death against the far horizon?
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews from tonight, 7.15pm; opens May 26, 7pm.

NANCY ARGENTA AND FRIENDS: The soprano, together with a number of prominent performers including flautist Monica Huggett and oboist Paul Goodwin, gives a performance of Bach's Cantatas in memory of the late oboist David Reichenberg.
Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, SW1, 7.30pm

PHILHARMONIA: Soprano Barbara Hendricks performs Berg's *Seven Early Songs* in a programme with Mozart's Serenade No 12 and Brahms's Symphony No 1. Giuseppe Sinopoli conducts.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

BBC SINGERS/NEW LONDON ORCHESTRA: Ronald Corp conducts Frank Martin's *Passacaglia*, Brian Chappel's *Magnificat*, Rubbra's *Song of the Soul* and Martinu's sinfonietta *La Jolla*.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm.

THE DUCHESS OF MALFI: An interesting-sounding British premiere of Brecht's Broadway-aimed version of Webster, edited by him and Auden. Andy Lavender directs.
Chelsea Centre, World's End Place, King's Road, SW10 (071-352 1967). Opens tonight, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

BRISTOL: Seven young actors in Trevor Griffiths's **Thatcher's Children**, a hard but comic look at the "thatcherring" of Britain: growing up in the 1980s, reaping the harvest in the 1990s. Opening night.
Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 250250). Tonight, 8pm, then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm.

BRISTOL: Now that Ben Watt has recovered from his lengthy illness, the mellow, songwriting duo **Everything But The Girl** embarks on a nationwide tour promoting *Home Movies* — a ten-year retrospective compilation album.
Victoria Rooms, Queen's Road, Clifton (0272 734460), 7.30pm.

GLASGOW: As part of Mayfest the **Scottish Chamber Orchestra**, in collaboration with opera director Francesco Negrin, choreographer Gregory Nash and designer Aldona Cunningham, presents an "opera-theatre" project involving dancers and singers that explores spirituality through symbolism and ritual. Ivor Bolton conducts Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3, Stravinsky's *Dumbarton Oaks* and the world premiere of James MacMillan's *Visitatio Sepulchri*.
Tramway, Albert Drive (041-227 5511), Thurs, Sat, 8pm, Sun, 2pm.

LEEDS: Tim McInnerney plays Gethin Price, the soured, would-be entertainer in Trevor Griffiths's first success, **Comedians**.
West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill Mount (0532 442111). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm, opens May 25, 7.30pm, then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mat May 29, June 5, 4pm.

SOUTHAMPTON. Timothy West plays a jaded Irish actor offered a chance of fame as an American evangelist in Brian Phelan's **Himself**.
Nuffield, University Road (0703 671771). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm; opens May 25, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, until June 12.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **ARCADIA.** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat today, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE BESHT TELLERS:** Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company offers two poignant and exhilarating tales.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). *Telling Tales*: Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. *The Story of the Last of the Just*. Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE CHINESE WOLF.** Funny, fresh David Ashton play, set in a scrapyard, where quick-witted Ronan Vibert must outwit Desmond Barrit's Mr Big.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 150mins.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **CRACKS:** Martin Sherman's precise and hilarious spoof thriller demolishing the Californian freak scene of 1973.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. 105mins.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST.** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE.** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

☐ **A LOVE SONG FOR ULSTER:** Bill Morrison's ambitious, strongly acted trilogy, set at three periods of crisis between 1922 and today.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Single plays: Tues-Fri, 8pm; trilogy: Sat, Sun, 1.45pm-10pm. Final week.

■ **MACBETH:** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 140mins.

☐ **OKTOBERFEST:** Good performances, stunning set are plus features in a slowish staging of Horvath's tale of love corrupted at a Munich fair.
Lyric Studio Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 8701). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm. 120mins.

☐ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **PLAYING BY THE RULES:** Surviving the streets as a rent boy: Rod Dungate's sharp comedy comes to London after two sell-out runs at the Birmingham Rep.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. 165mins. Extended to May 29.

◪ **SEARCH AND DESTROY.** How to lose innocence and grow rich in modern America. Howard Korder's compelling play inspires razor-sharp acting, directed by Stephen Daldry.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. 140mins.

☐ **THE SHOWMAN.** Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor but the play does not mount to much.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

☐ **THE TRIAL.** Czech director Lida Engelova gives her countryman's nightmare good visuals but a leisurely rhythm. With James Wilby, Estelle Kohler and Peter Eyre.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins. Final week.

LONG RUNNERS: ◪ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Cyrano de Bergerac**: Theatre Royal (071-930 8800) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ☐ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse ◪ (071-839 4401) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss Of The Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BRAINDEAD** (18): Zombies multiply in 1950s New Zealand. Peter Jackson's gore-splattered horror comic, professionally packaged but very juvenile. Stars Timothy Balme, Diana Peñalver.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310).

◆ **INDECENT PROPOSAL** (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford, a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets sillier scene by scene. With Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** ◪ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

IN THE SOUP: Lovable gangster befriends and finances a struggling film-maker. Fresh, loopy comedy from Alexandre Rockwell, with Steve Buscemi and Seymour Cassel.
National Film Theatre ◪ (071-928 3232).

LEOLO (18): Demanding, audacious, exciting journey through a Montreal family's madness and dreams. Writer-director, Jean-Claude Lauzon.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

MISTRESS (15): Trials and tribulations of a low-budget film project. Appealing if slender Hollywood satire, with Robert Wuhl and Martin Landau. Director, Barry Primus.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999).

WILD WEST (15): Adventures of an Asian Country and Western band from Southall, West London. Buoyant but thin comedy, with Sarita Choudhury. Director, David Attwood.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeon: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666)

CURRENT

ACCIDENTAL HERO (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

ALIVE (15). A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story of survival and cannibalism in the Andes. Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano; director, Frank Marshall.
Empire ◪ (071-437 1234/437 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12). Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

GROUNDHOG DAY (PG). Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

SOMMERSBY (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12). Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice. A top prizewinner at Venice last year.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Gate** ◪ (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366).

TRESPASS (18): Siege warfare in an abandoned factory between treasure-hunters and the local gang. Forceful at first, then dulled by excess. Walter Hill directs Bill Paxton, William Sadler, Ice T, Ice Cube.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

OPERA: **Stephen Pettitt** applauds a classic Janáček production stylishly revived by Scottish Opera

There's plenty of life in the old girl yet

The Makropoulos Case
Theatre Royal, Glasgow

ONE might be forgiven for wondering whether David Pountney's production of Janáček's thriller is aiming at *Mousetrap*-like longevity, if not quite the 300-year lifespan of its central character. It was first seen in Glasgow back in 1981, but, revived by Sally Day, it looks and sounds fresh and striking, proving that it matters not one jot if a production is conceptualist or not, new or not, as long as it still functions as theatre.

Nick Chelton's brutal shafts of light, penetrating the decrepit, higgledy-piggledy walls of Maria Bjornsen's set, immediately jog awake the onlooker's theatrical instincts. Then the eye beholds the furniture in each act. A lawyer's office of exaggerated proportions with desks 12 feet high surrounded by piles of old papers sets the flavour of Act I: musty decay. In Act III Emilia Marty's apartment is piled with the accumulated paraphernalia of her long life. The symbolism of tired antiquity could not be plainer.

But the opera is not just about the oddity of an over-extended lifespan. It concerns those ubiquitous human abilities of manipulation, deception, greed, behaving with guile, acting stupidly, having sex, falling in love, wanting, but never giving. All those things lie in Janáček's extraordinary music, waiting to be illuminated by players and singers. The work's balance between emotion and objectivity, between opulent passages and those composed in speech rhythms (carefully preserved in Pountney's translation), keeps the often bafflingly complex plot and the feverish passions flowing easily. This cast responds well, though just once or twice a singer would be caught standing around not quite knowing what to do.

Kathryn Harries sings the huge and severely testing part of Marty with bitter cynicism and sluttish sensuality, yet she is still able to reserve a generous tenderness for her long-delayed end. Hers is a larger-than-life character, a nightmare for herself as well as everyone else. Perhaps her sound is a touch too hard; because of that the moment when Ann Taylor-Morley, as Kristina the aspiring young singer, tells of her own comparative lack of talent with a rich, firm voice seems odder than it should.

Meanwhile Nigel Robson's Gregor, a vulnerable man who wears his heart too readily on his sleeve, is played ardently and with great vocal strength. Donald Maxwell's suave Prus is a perfect operator, sexist and sexual to the core. Richard Berkeley-Steele as Vitek, Kristina's father and Gregor's lawyer's clerk, Iain Paton as Janek, Prus's wet, ultimately suicidal son, and Stephen Bennett's Dr Kolenaty, Gregor's lawyer, do stalwart work in important supporting roles.

Nigel Douglas's Count Hauk-Sendorf, an ancient driven mad by his love for Marty in one of her earlier guises, supplies a simultaneously pathetic and amusingly lustful cameo. Under John Mauceri's positive direction, the Scottish Opera Orchestra plays passionately and securely, and with a gorgeous blend where that is required.

CONCERT: **Gerald Larner** reviews Mariss Jansons's interpretation of Mahler's Resurrection Symphony

Tension at the rebirth

St Petersburg PO/Jansons
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

THE beginning of this performance of Mahler's "Resurrection" Symphony was less than completely reassuring. In comparison with Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra — who have made a conspicuous speciality of this particular work in this particular place — Mariss Jansons and the touring St Petersburg Philharmonic seemed underprepared and undercommitted at first. The lower strings were not together in their fierce initial entry; the pressure was relaxed at precisely that point in the opening bars where Mahler insists it should be maintained; anomalies in balance persisted throughout the first movement.

On the other hand, there was no question of stylistic distortion or of the imposition of an alien idiom. If there was little that was characteristically Viennese about the interpretation, it was uncontroversially straight at least. Besides, until the stamina of the trumpet section began to fail, technical standards rose with every succeeding movement. And although one was aware of nothing overtly sensational, dramatic tension was rising all the time, not least in Linda Finnie's slightly insecure but highly expressive singing in "Urlicht".

The offstage band effects could not be described as theatrical but they were stage-managed uncommonly well and with a particularly atmospheric effect in the background to the visionary flute solo just before the first entry of the chorus.

But then a strange thing happened. The soprano soloist, Eiddwen Harrhy, rose with the CBSO Chorus but, presumably on the instructions of the conductor, did not actually sing for a dozen bars or so. This might seem a small point: the solo soprano is in unison with the choral sopranos here and the composer does stress that she must not stand out in any way. On the other hand, the colouring obtained by the authentic balancing of voices at this most crucial point in the whole vast work is both essential and unique.

It is indicative of the quality of the interpretation that this lapse of judgment could be forgiven and almost forgotten as it progressed towards a climax so overwhelmingly moving that the soloists joined the chorus where they are not actually meant to.

ENTERTAINMENTS

ART GALLERIES

SPINK ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF ENGLISH WATERCOLOURS & DRAWINGS. 5-28 May. Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30. King Street, St. James's, SW1.

CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St. 071 465 8865 MEDITERRANEO (15) Progs at 1.45 (not Sun), 4.00, 6.15 & 8.30

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd. 071 867 1044 HOWARDS END (PG) Progs at 2.30, 5.15 & 8.05

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Ave W1 071 439 4805 THE STORY OF QIU JU (12) Prog at 2.00, 4.10, 6.20 & 8.40

OPERA & BALLET

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THEATRES

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BERLIN GALLERIES: **John Russell Taylor** on 20th-century American art; plus recommended shows

BERLIN CHOICE

● WEGE DER MODERNE
Grandest of Swiss dealers in modern art, Ernst Beyeler is eager to endow a museum for his collection in his home town of Basel.

Unfortunately the idea has run into a certain amount of resistance, as some locals feel its presence may disrupt a cat museum in the same grounds, so there will be a referendum to resolve the issue in June. Meanwhile, the cream of the collection is on show in Berlin.

Like Hamlet it is full of quotations, since many of the Klees, Picassos, Giacommettis and Bacons are overwhelmingly familiar in reproduction. The same could be said of many of the earlier works, the Monets, Cézannes and Douanier Rousseau's immortal image of the hungry lion. All in all, such amazing riches that even a cat museum might well eventually be persuaded to allow them proximity.

Neue Nationalgalerie, Potsdamer Strasse 50 (30-2662662/3) Tuesday-Friday 9am-8pm, Saturday-Sunday 10am-8pm, until August 1.

● VON CASPAR DAVID FRIEDRICH BIS FERDINAND HODLER
Like several other notable collections at the moment (the *Lille* pictures at London's National Gallery, for instance), the Oskar Reinhart collection at Winterthur is able to tour abroad because its building is being elaborately reconditioned.

The contents are virtually all 19th-century, from the mystical Romanticism of Friedrich and the more everyday observations of the Biedermeier painters, through to the Impressionism of Liebermann and the Jugendstil of Hodler.

At the Alte Nationalgalerie it complements very well the existing in-house collection, and adds a number of Swiss painters less well-known in other countries, including such as Cuno Amiet and Alberto's father Diego Giacommetti, dazzling colourists both.

Alte Nationalgalerie, Museuminsel, Bodestrasse 1-3 (30-20335257/307) Tuesday-Friday 9am-8pm, Saturday-Sunday 10am-8pm, until September 12.

● DIE ETRUSKER UND EUROPA
In the succession of the great Fiat-sponsored shows at the Palazzo Grassi, "The Phoenecians" and "The Celts", this exhibition dedicated to the Etruscans curiously is not shown in Venice but only in Paris and Berlin.

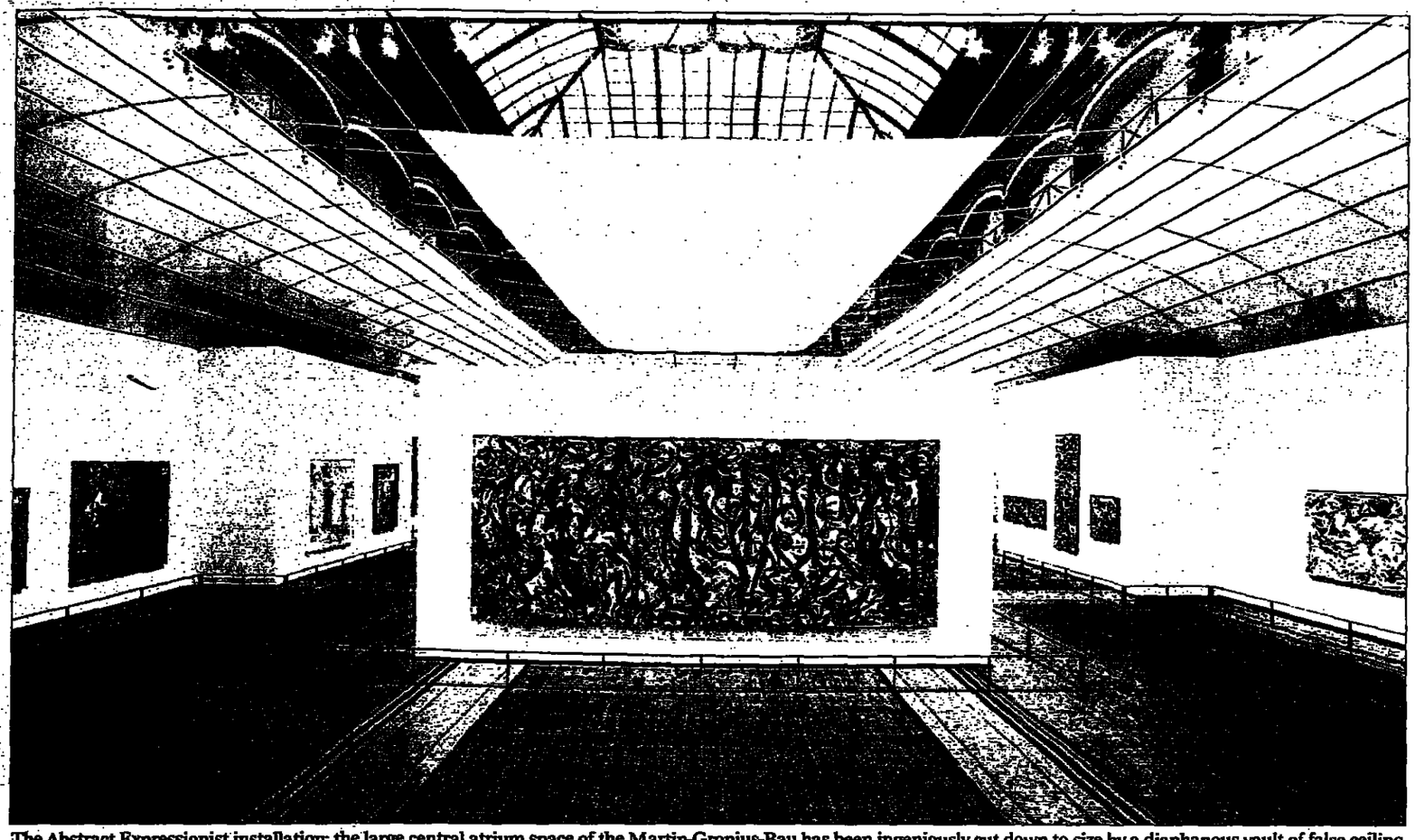
In certain respects it is more approachable than either of its predecessors, mainly because the part concerned with the art and funerary arrangements of the Etruscans themselves — fascinating but often obscure — is balanced by a detailed account of their rediscovery, from the Renaissance on.

It is intriguing to see which examples of the relics of Etruscan civilisation were deemed worthy of collection by the Medici, and how the Romantic sensibilities of 19th-century recorders subtly modified the records they made. Illuminating though the exhibition is, the Etruscan mystery remains enjoyably undispelled.

Altes Museum, Museuminsel, Lustgarten (30-20355-0) Tuesday-Sunday 10am-7pm, until May 31



Mystical Romanticism: a painting by Caspar David Friedrich from the Oskar Reinhart collection



The Abstract Expressionist installation: the large central atrium space of the Martin-Gropius-Bau has been ingeniously cut down to size by a diaphanous vault of false ceiling

The irresistible taste of America

It has often been said of Picasso that what made him great was not so much the peaks (though they were many) as the gesture of his whole life in art, the unthinkingly generous, total outpouring of everything that was in him. Much the same might be said of **American Art in the 20th Century**, the subject of the major exhibition which has just opened at the Martin-Gropius-Bau in Berlin, and will arrive in London at the Royal Academy in September.

The main initial criticism of the show in Germany has been that there are "too many masterpieces" — as though one could ever have too many. But there is no doubt that this demanding collection gives the impression of staying almost exclusively on the heights. Like its predecessors of German, British and Italian art in the 20th century it has a not-quite-hidden agenda, which is to convince us that here at the end of the century we are living in the best of all possible artistic worlds.

In this case, though, the promotion of the latest as at least equal to the best is not so blatant. Or perhaps one should say it does not seem so inapposite as it did when Chia and Clemente or Barry Flanagan, Bruce McLean and Gilbert and George were proposed for the same role.

In Berlin at least we are not oversold on Julian Schnabel, Cindy Sherman and Jeff Koons, and with Koons we are spared the ultimate horror of his kitsch/porno celebrations of his marriage to the Italian erotic star turned politician La Cicciolina, being left to make do with vacuum cleaners in plastic boxes and his stainless steel model train set, courtesy of Jim Beam.

Also, the show is more ruthlessly selective in its approach than those that went before. It states on its masthead that it begins in 1913, but by room four (of 27) we have already arrived at the immediately postwar years of Arshile Gorky and Abstract Expressionism. Not that the contents of the first three smallish rooms are unimpressive. They make it clear that this is to be specifically the story of American modernism. Apart from Hopper, who could hardly be avoided, realists are scrupulously ignored, and painters like Demuth, Sheeler and Marsden Hartley, all of whom had their reality-conscious side, are presented in the light of their yearnings towards abstraction or their sometimes surprising anticipations of Pop Art. All this is fair enough, since a truly comprehensive account of American art since 1900 could hardly be encompassed in the confines of a managable single show.

Either by accident or by design, the view presented is virtually the converse of the last major European conspectus of 20th-century American art at Fiat's Lingotto Art Centre in Turin last year. There, the main line of continuity proposed seemed to be the irrepressible vitality and validity of representation: here one cannot imagine Grant Wood or Ben Shahn finding any comprehensible place.

To be fair, the story the Berlin show chooses to tell makes perfect sense. Stripped of irrelevancies and intriguing byways, it presents the streamlined view in which Precisionists were speeding headlong toward abstraction, and the imported Surrealists (who put in a tentative appearance) as well as the homegrown Regionalists (who are relegated to a footnote) justify their existence mainly by providing a peripheral influence on the Abstract Expressionists.

The latter are admirably presented, mostly in the large central atrium space of the Martin-Gropius-Bau, which has been ingeniously cut down to size by the insertion of a diaphanous vault of false ceiling. This leaves one conscious of the distant skylights if one wants to be, but fashions a gallery which will not dwarf the often gigantic canvases of Pollock, Still, Newman, Rothko and others.

This is where the caveat of too many masterpieces might be entered. All the classic Abstract Expressionists have been selected to show at their absolute best: no suspicion here that Barnett Newman is frequently a rather boring painter, that not every Rothko colour field is equally palpitating with secret life, that Clyfford Still seems to have built his whole career on just one image, albeit skilfully varied, of a volcanic rift in the landscape.

Perhaps because it was selected by two Europeans, Norman Rosenthal and Christos Joachimides, the show is little concerned with political correctness. Notably, out of 66 artists included, only five are women and only three black, which is realistic, if not very tactful.

After the Abstract Expressionists the excitement comes thick and fast. Artists related to the Pop movement are represented mostly by their earlier and better works: brilliantly throw-away and quirky Rauschenbergs, prim, precise and beautifully crafted Jasper Johnses, and an irresistible assemblage of Oldenburg's soft sculpures of food.

Frank Stella is shown in this context, with three of his early black-and-white paintings, which still look very good, and also crops up later with a couple of his dimensional glitter pieces, which are by no means so convincing. Then we are on to Pop proper, with several of Lichtenstein's most familiar comic-strip paintings, a range of Marilyns, Elvises, Coke bottles and Campbell's Soup tins from Warhol, and one of Edward Ruscha's distinctively Californian tributes to the movies in their heyday.

In this context a handful of Robert Ryman's white paintings look better by contrast than when given a whole show to themselves at the Tate recently. Nearly everywhere in the exhibition, indeed, it is the skilfully staged contrasts which bring out the true flavour of America. There are some of Donald Judd's minimal sculptures, Dan Flavin's neon installations, and even one of Carl Andre's assemblages of metal floor plaques (from which the attendants reverentially shoo visitors, contrary to Andre's own intentions).

Almost before one can register James Lee Byars's haunting installation of four black velvet chaises-longues fitfully lit by shafts of dusty sunlight, or a single, late, cartoony Philip Guston, here is graffiti art, followed by Sherman's large photographic pieces and Mike Kelley's suspended bundles of teddy bears, which date from only last year.

Amazingly, there is little sense of letdown. Taken one by one, some of the more recent pieces might not seem very impressive. But all this variety, all this vitality takes a lot of resisting. Expressions of a consumer society at full rampage, these works not be likable, but at least they are undeniably there.

● Amerikanische Kunst im 20 Jahrhundert Martin-Gropius-Bau. Stresemannstrasse 110 (30-25486730) daily 10am-8pm, until July 25.

DANCE: **John Percival** on a short but welcome visit by Nederlands Dans Theater's second company

Pleasures of youth

NDT2
Sadler's Wells

You will not see a more original ballet this year than Jiri Kylian's *Stamping Ground*, and you will be extremely lucky if you see a better one. The choreography is something to astonish and delight with its revelation of the flexibility and expressiveness of human bodies: skilful, surprising, mysterious and very funny.

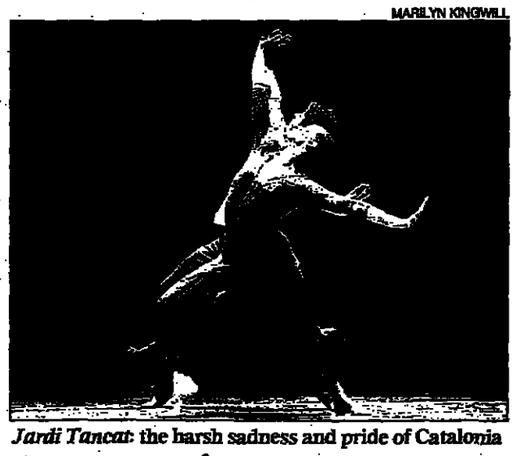
This is one of four varied, unusual and interesting works in the first of two programmes by Nederlands Dans Theater 2 at Sadler's Wells this week: what a shame that the stay cannot be longer. Still, it means that British audiences, if only by travelling around the country, have at last been able within a few months to see all three branches of the amazing organisation that Kylian has built up within Nederlands Dans Theater.

The speciality of NDT2 is that it employs only young dancers, from 17 to 21, but all of them good enough to be considered as potential recruits to the furiously sought-after main NDT company. Young means inexperienced, so there is only limited emotional depth and subtlety in this programme; but it also means fresh, lively and bursting with energy, so audiences are in no way short-changed.

The quality of the works they perform obviously develops the dancers apace. Some come from NDT's enviably rich key repertoire; others are made specially by established choreographers or hopeful aspirants within NDT.

A piece like *Stamping Ground* makes high demands on the cast. Inspired by Australian aboriginal dances, it asks its six dancers to twist, stretch, shrink, kick, jump and indulge a multiplicity of other movements with uncanny timing and unpredictability, seeming at once like strange animals and yet intensely human. After beginning in silence, they are driven on by Carlos Chavez's *Toccata for percussion instruments*.

In another ballet by Kylian, *Un Ballo*, two short pieces by Ravel establish a background of formality against which the unexpected twists, directness and sometimes pugnacity of the partnering provide a piquant contrast.



MARILYN KINGWILL

Jardi Tancat: the harsh sadness and pride of Catalonia

Folksongs from contrasted traditions underlie the other two works on this programme. Nacho Duato's *Jardi Tancat* offers the harsh sadness, pride and determination of his native Catalonia. Its bleakness is offset by a sense of purpose and comradeship as the dancers respond to Maria del Mar Bonet's singing.

"Greensleeves" and the like send Ohad Naharin's *Passomezzo* cheerfully on its way as a cheeky, sexy and highly independent duet for a thoroughly modern couple, full of wit and swagger, expressed in movement that switches swiftly from jokey little steps to sudden big twists.

Tessa Cooke and Dylan Newcomb are Naharin's self-confidently able couple; Megumi Nakamura and Miguel Rodriguez lead the cast of *Un Ballo*; and in *Stamping Ground* they are joined by Catherine Riesi and Urtzi Aranburu. Riesi, small, vivid, amazingly subtle and controlled in three different roles, is the big discovery of the evening: a real potential star in the making.

THEATRE

Mixing and matching

Nice Dorothy
Orange Tree, Richmond

"WHAT on earth was that?" asks Trevor, realising he has just been lovingly mouth to mouth with a woman old enough to be his mother and whom he only set eyes on five minutes back. That is also how you feel encountering David Cregan's *Nice Dorothy*: surprised, bewildered, incredulous, not sure you should like it, but it certainly feels good.

Cregan's laughter quota is very high. One-liners abound, sometimes at the expense of character, in what is essentially a sex farce with a touch of sitcom. Judy and Billie are round at Harriet's place in Swiss Cottage. They are having a small civilised hen party, only Billie keeps wailing about her boyfriend who has left her, while Judy has an uncontrollable craving for anything in trousers. The boys next door, Trevor and Robert, pop in and just then Harriet's middle-aged aunt Dorothy turns up. Suddenly people are falling for each other like dominoes. Judy is after Trevor who falls for Dorothy whose hand is sought by Hugh, an insurance salesman, whom Milly — out in council flats in Harrow — has her eye on.

Niceness goes to pieces. Dorothy — "never touched a man and living in Luton" — is suddenly having passionate sex with a 25-year-old stud. Judy, formerly cocksure and cool, is throwing tantrums, and the shy, humdrum Hugh is standing on benches shouting "Bitch!"

The humour is occasionally cheap, some scenes are tiresomely silly, and the craftsmanship of both writing and directing has rough edges. Yet part of *Nice Dorothy*'s novelty is its cranky blend of genres. They may not always gel but the combination keeps you on your toes. Contemporary sitcom is infused with humorous echoes of Restoration comedy: unlikely love at first sight and *en masse* marriages at the finale; and characters who are ruled by humours — the tearful, the nymphomaniacal, the nice.

Most of the characters are two-dimensional, but David Timson (Roy, Hugh's friend) cuts through with some angry intensity and Timothy Watson, despite some slushy lines, acts Trevor's love with sincerity. Cregan deserves applause for integrating serious statements on love, sex, being ditched and bridging the generation gap within an evening that is really entertaining.

Apologies to Joe Cushley whose dynamic sweaty performance in *Oktoberfest* was praised under the wrong name. Joe Cushley played the Freak Show's master of ceremonies, not its Proprietor.

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More than is dreamt of in their philosophy

Caroline Moore welcomes two works by scholars who think Shakespeare means something and who reject deconstruction



A scene from *Measure for Measure*, directed by Michael Bogdanov at Stratford, Ontario in 1985: the picture shows "the club", a prologue in which the audience was invited to dance on stage. From *Looking at Shakespeare: a visual history of twentieth century performance* by Dennis Kennedy (Cambridge University Press, £45)

Brian Vickers has written a splendidly splenetic, intellectually swingeing all-out attack on the perversions of current literary theory. I only wish I could say that he is flogging a dead horse. He ought to be: as he makes clear, all the credentials of the founding fathers of structuralism and post-structuralism have already been professionally questioned, not to say thoroughly debunked. If this particular corpse has the illusion of life, it is only because it is pullulating with maggots. (Professor Vickers's style is infectious: his frustrated scorn, though generally channelled into rational argument, boils over in occasional intemperate similes.)

Indeed, when one tries to sum up, for those *Times* readers who somehow missed the Great Cambridge Structuralist Debate of 1981, the sort of views which were once so fashionable, one can only share Vickers's wonder at intellectuals' propensity to believe in the emperor's new (French) clothes.

APPROPRIATING SHAKESPEARE
Contemporary Critical Quarrels
By Brian Vickers
Yale University Press, £35

SHAKESPEARE
Poet and Citizen
By Victor Kiernan
Verso, £19.95

Imagine, then, heady theories based upon an insanely deterministic view of language. Language is in total control, the tail wagging the dog. It not merely influences the way we apprehend reality; it is its own reality. It cannot, in fact, refer to or describe anything "out there", but is a self-contained, non-referential system. There is no such thing as an author, since no one can "use" language: language uses us, by "fascistic" compulsion. No one can "mean" anything; indeed, the very notion of an individual who could have anything to say is a bourgeois illusion. There can be no distinction between works of literature and any other written works. All are created by the same impersonal process: circulation of a limited number of linguistic counters; everything written is only a tissue of quotations. Imagine, in short, a theory which attempts to abolish all ideas of self, subject, author, imagination, story and history; all creativity and all meaning.

How, you may well ask, can one then discuss a text? Well, if you are a deconstructionist, you look at what the words do *not* say, probing its "fissures", its self-negating contradictions. In the process, it is imperative to expose some species of ideological bad faith. This, however, is easy; for whichever Marxist-feminist-Freudian amalgam you choose to foist upon the work is by definition a heads-I-win, tails-you-lose closed system, defying verification or falsification. Indeed, you often do not even have to refer too closely to the text itself, for this is merely the "positivist" illusion of "philological accuracy".

The obvious ploy is to point out that such critics naturally assume that they themselves are immune from their own general rules. No feminist admits that she or he is "conditioned" to hold his or her views; most cultural materialists still behave as individuals. But in fact, critics from the Derridian-Foucaultian-Lacanian-Freudian complex of schools suffer a fate far worse than inconsistency. Their creeds are self-fulfilling prisons. In their writings, one can find the closest possible approximation to the impossible notions of literature they propound. Here is language as a "*système pour le système*", which has no purchase upon any outside reality, in life or literature. Here is the spectacle of writers whose individuality is trampled into submission by herds of great lumbering phrases ("decentred discourse" and the like). Here, "intertextuality" — criticism as a tissue of quotations from other critics — reigns supreme, and the "discourse" is indeed riddled with "fissures" of self-contradiction.

The first two chapters of *Appropriating Shakespeare* discuss theory; the last five show various critical schools at work, dismembering Shakespeare. The funniest sections are those detailing psychocritical approaches. Those of you who overlooked the significance of the tattooed penis in *Hamlet* can now catch up. Now that I know that Desdemona's handkerchief is a phallus-endowing fetish I shall never feel the same about the Kleenex in my handbag again.

It is a relief to turn to Victor Kiernan's book, *Shakespeare: Poet and Citizen*. Kiernan's attitudes are those of a liberal-humanist-Marxist, a category so outdated as to seem almost oxymoronic. His thesis is that Shakespeare was a "progressive" — but for his faith in humanity, not for modishly self-undermining nihilism.

Yet Professor Kiernan's old-fashioned faith in the existence of Shakespeare as an author leads to the belief that he knows when Shakespeare is voicing his own "progressive" views. It may often be a safe rule that what his characters say when playing an active part in the story belongs to them: when they turn away to generalities, the ideas are likely to be his. The final test of when Shakespeare believed, or took seriously, what his men and women were saying, must always be his language, and how much conviction it carries.

On this test, however, Ulysses' great set speech on Degree would be "Shakespeare's view", which Kiernan would (in many ways rightly) deny. In practice, much of the evidence for Shakespeare as progressive has elements of wishful reading. He does not, for example, show prescience of the later career of Shirley Temple by sending the princess in *Love's Labour Lost* "on an important diplomatic mission [to Navarre], centuries before the appointment of any real women to ambassadorial posts". The real King of Navarre received two embassies, in 1578 and 1586, first from the Princess Marguerite of Valois and then from her mother, Catherine of Medici.

The real point is that deciding whether or not Shakespeare is "progressive" is rather inappropriate. As Kiernan himself writes, "two opposite pictures of England flit through the histories: an ideal one of what the country might be, a gloomy one of what it is". A progressive would project the ideal picture into the future, with faith in its attainment: Shakespeare more usually projects the ideal vision back into the past, often in a context which suggests it may be an illusory golden age.

But if I wish to join issue with Kiernan on numerous interpretations, this is itself a refreshing change. He has plenty of suggestive remarks to make about such things as the Renaissance concepts of honour and romantic love, and about Shakespeare's depiction of an England "stumbling awkwardly between two eras" (though there have already been several full-length books on all these topics). I hope that, as a progressive, Kiernan will not mind that I found his study most delightfully — and readably — old-fashioned.

Our man on the Rock

Lucy Hughes-Hallett

THE HIGH FLYER
By Nicholas Shakespeare
Harvill, £14.99

A diplomat near the end of his career, a decent man, a man with a conscience, whose carefully-planned life has been derailed by a futile passion, finds himself alone and adrift in a small, far-away place. We have been here before, not specifically to the consul's residence in Abyla, a Spanish enclave on the southern Pillar of Hercules, (occupying the space where you will find Ceuta marked on your map), but to this imaginary experience of principled self-contempt in god-forsaken hot places. Nicholas Shakespeare's debt to Graham Greene is enormous; so is his borrowing from Evelyn Waugh. His setting, his characters, his tone of mingled flippancy and mortal seriousness all proclaim his gratitude to his two creditors.

So does his narrative technique. Shakespeare is thirty-something, but in his novel he successfully projects himself into the consciousness of a man in late middle age and writes with sympathy and gusto about the sexual passions of the not-so-young. More remarkably he aligns himself with the school of the generation before last. With the *fin de siècle* looming he has written a mid-twentieth-century novel, and done it so well as to make it seem quite the natural thing. Who needs experimentation and snazzy new forms when grandpa's suitcase is still stout enough to contain and deliver such a richly enjoyable load of emotion and wit?

Not that Shakespeare is oblivious of modern preoccupations and manners. His richly-varied minor characters owe much to the matter-of-fact bizarrerie of South American fiction. The disgraced diplomat's name is Thomas Wavery, and during our first encounter with him one of Gibraltar's famous apes steals his passport. He is not the only inhabitant of Abyla (a tiny patch of Europe in Africa) whose sense of self and of where they stand in the world wavers. Everyone has a secret life, an "other reality", as Wavery's mistress refers to his wife.

Shakespeare's generally careful, unobtrusive prose erupts into purple extravagances as it follows his characters' inner lives — the underwater epiphanies of the barfly-cum-diver-cum-secret agent, the terrible memories of the flower seller, a *pied noir* whose husband died in Algeria, the Russian émigrée's nostalgic fantasies. Wavery despairs finally because he no longer has an alternative reality. His long-looked-forward-to retirement, gardening in Sintra, is now impossible, England is not home and, for reasons it would be unfair to reveal, his love affair is untenable, even as a consoling daydream of what might have been.

Shakespeare has invented a richly detailed, remarkably complete imaginary world. Readers know not only the Europeans tossing coins to the boys in the roadside dust; they also know the boys, cool, funny and potent at once. *The High Flyer* is a throwback, but an impressively robust one.

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LIFE'S DOMINION
An Argument about Abortion and Euthanasia
By Ronald Dworkin
HarperCollins, £17.50

America is divided over abortion as it has been over no single issue since slavery. Abortion clinics are picketed, even bombed, and abortionists are accused of mass-murder. In their turn pro-lifers are dismissed by their opponents as mad, or as haters of the female sex.

Amid such frenzy, Ronald Dworkin's ambition must seem quixotic. He aims at nothing less than to convince both sides that they have misunderstood their own beliefs. They might even come to a historic compromise. Dworkin's chance of success must be rated as rather less than that of St Francis of Assisi when he attempted to convert the Sultan of Egypt to Christianity.

Dworkin's arguments are nevertheless extremely powerful. Central to his book is a sustained attack on the belief that a foetus, from the first moment of its conception, is a person. This is the present teaching of the Roman Catholic Church — the most powerful and principled opponent of abortion. If it is true, it follows that the foetus has the same rights, and the same claim to protection from the state as has any other helpless human being. If Catholic doctrine is true, the pro-abortionists are at best confused, at worst mentally or morally corrupt. Hence the ferocity of the debate.

The great majority of pro-lifers, including most practising Catholics, allow exceptions — to save the mother's life, or in cases of rape, or where the child will be born (say) without a cerebral cortex. Yet no one believes that it is right to kill one person to protect another, or to dispose of a new-born baby because it is the product of rape. Dworkin concludes that the pro-lifers, whatever they *say*, do not really believe that the foetus is invariably a person. Their public rhetoric has broken free from their actual moral convictions.

Dworkin tries to turn their flank. He argues persuasively that the church, which bases much of its argument against abortion on Aquinas and Aristotle, has in modern times departed radically from both philosophers. Against Plato, who thought that a human soul could exist detached from a body, Aquinas argued that the soul is logically related to the form of the body. No power — even God's — could embody a human soul in a tree, or in a rabbit, or in a male sperm. It can be incarnated only in that which has the shape, organs and capacities of the human body. The human person for Aquinas is a body-soul identity.

Analogously, a true follower of Aquinas can deny that the foetus is a person from the moment of its conception, and can hold instead that it becomes one only when the brain and other organs have developed to a point which allows it to live the intellectual and spiritual life of a human being. It is not absurd to assume — as our own abortion law does — that this point occurs only at a fairly late stage of pregnancy.

This negative part of Dworkin's argument is powerful, and will need to be answered. What of the positive part — his offer to discover a belief about abortion shared by liberals and conservatives?



Ronald Dworkin: liberal views on the meaning of life

Dworkin thinks that we all share, perhaps unconsciously, an ideal: that human life is sacred. We can get the idea of the sacredness of life from believing in a Creator whose gift life is, and whose most complex and wonderful work is man. Or we can find sacredness in art, or in human cultures or animal species, which it would be intrinsically shameful to destroy.

"Life" includes two differing ideas. First there is biological life — which the human foetus has fully from the first moment of conception, and which includes the genetic coding that drives forward and controls its development.

But "life" also includes our capacities to live as distinctively *human* beings, to have desires and aspirations which are not purely biological — relations with other people, culture, and our desire to shape our own lives according to our free will. A human being condemned to live a purely "biological" life would scarcely be human at all.

Dilemmas about abortion and euthanasia often reflect these two senses of "life". Biological life may conflict with a fully human life. A baby with a beating heart but no cerebral cortex is denied the satisfactions distinctive to human beings, above all, human autonomy. An old man with Alzheimer's disease, reduced to the level of an infant, has lost that dignity which is essential to human beings.

Dworkin's conclusion — apparently paradoxical — is that to keep a baby without a brain alive, or to ignore the previously expressed wishes to be allowed to die of a patient who has since developed Alzheimer's disease, is actually to deny life's sacredness. For to respect the sacredness of life includes respecting human autonomy. This entails respecting the ideals individuals evolve about their own lives, rather than imposing upon them an existence which may end in agony or idiocy.

This is the most rigorously argued, lucid and candid statement of the liberal position on the right to live and to die so far. Yet it seems possible to give a turn to Dworkin's arguments that contradicts the spirit of his liberalism.

Dworkin never takes seriously the probability that the majority — even the great majority — of abortions carried out in England and America are procured for reasons which by his own criteria are frivolous. The institution of abortion in our society does not in reality reflect a sense of the sacredness of human life, biological or otherwise, but exists overwhelmingly for convenience. Very few abortions are actually *unavoidable*.

Dworkin cautiously favours people being educated into a respect for the sacredness of life. A conservative might argue that a civilised society is one in which the sexual mores themselves promote this respect, in which the centrality of marriage is recognised and promiscuity abhorred. His idea might be to reduce abortions to a fraction of the present numbers.

There is an innocence, a sort of moral tenuousness, in Dworkin's book which allows him to avert his gaze from what might be a huge moral corruption in our society. People might be very ready to give a notional assent to the respect for the sanctity of life which he recommends, while their real moral sentiments allowed millions of frivolous abortions, and, in due course, euthanasia for old people who feel that they have become a burden to their relatives.

Dworkin has written a much more dangerous book than appears. To say that of a philosopher is — of course — to pay him a high compliment.

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Ups and downs in City Road

J. W. M. Thompson is gripped by a journalist's revenge on his colleagues, but wonders whether they strayed out of TV drama

Most journalists will find this book enthralling; some others will think it takes itself and its subject a shade too seriously. Stephen Glover is one of the three men from the old *Daily Telegraph* who in 1986 achieved the rare feat of founding their own newspaper, *The Independent*. Sadly, if not altogether unpredictably, the three quarrelled after a time and Glover quit the enterprise with much bitterness and grief. This gives a darker hue to the narrative. It is more than "the story of *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*". It is also an essay in self-justification and a settling of old scores: an act of revenge.

As any journalist knows, other people's quarrels are at least as interesting as their successes. The office warfare which led to Glover's eclipse produced some striking scenes. I suspect the whole thing could profitably be turned into another televised drama of corporate life (*City Road*, perhaps?), replete with boardroom clashes, weeping executives and so forth. Indeed, the participants seem often to have strayed from the world of TV drama. They are for ever holding tense meetings in private rooms in expensive hotels, receiving urgent messages on their car telephones, or discussing deals over meals at the Savoy Grill. It is all curiously fraught.

What had gone wrong to cloud the original happy mood? Briefly, *The Independent*'s circulation fell back, advertising revenue shrank, and the company began to register alarming losses: and they had rashly launched a Sunday paper (which Glover edited) to add to their burdens. All this produced a mood sharply different from the early euphoria, when Andreas Whittam Smith, the leader of the three founders, blithely announced: "I think we should buy *The Times*." Instead the talk was of cost-cutting, of redundancies, of possibly closing the Sunday paper, or selling it off, or finding yet another source of fresh capital. There were bruising disagreements and in the end the decision to integrate the Sunday paper with the daily led to Glover's angry exit. The papers survived, the early spirit of high adventure evidently did not.

Glover captures very well the heated atmosphere in a newspaper office at such times of financial crisis. Having lived through a few myself, I recognise the details — the torrent of wild rumours (journalists are astonishingly credulous about their own affairs), the endless gossip, the self-conscious staff meetings, and above all the sense of lurking drama. People in other industries go through such crises all the time and not many books are written about them. But journalists tend to be secret romantics about their calling and treat the affairs of "a great newspaper" with a reverence they accord to little else. Hence the weighty manner in which Glover writes of office skulduggery and struggles for power within what *Private Eye* mocks as the *Indescribablyboring*.

The dominant, if enigmatic, figure in the story is Andreas Whittam Smith, who was *The Daily Telegraph*'s City editor when he had the idea of founding *The Independent*, using the low-cost modern technology which existing papers, locked into the age of Caxton by the print unions, were then denied. It was a brilliant notion and he carried it through with aplomb. Glover depicts him as a blend of a sort of lofty innocence and powerful ambition, far more interested in power than in money, and he reflects, not kindly, upon the transformation of "Andy Smith, turned down for officer training during National Service because he supposedly did not have leadership qualities" into "the dignified and aloof personage of Andreas Whittam Smith". It is not a friendly portrait. The portrayal of Matthew Symonds, the third founder, is no more flattering. Nothing, Glover writes, would persuade him to work again with either of them. It was not, one could say, a happy ship.

The paper's financial straits, however, are blamed upon the recession. Another important factor was that the competing newspapers had, by then, moved into more favourable circumstances. Rupert Murdoch's migration to Wapping changed everything. If *The Independent* was "the child of the *Telegraph*", subsequently the *Telegraph* went on to its own revolution and ceased to be a soft target. Other papers did likewise.

Glover gives an engaging picture of life in the *Telegraph*'s Fleet Street building in the old days. For writers, he says, it was in many ways an idyllic world. The trouble was that the unions, with their unrelenting grip on the production process, were choking the life out of it. It was a fearful example of workers' control. As editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, I often felt that our real opposition came not from the other papers but from the unions within our own building.

Paper Dreams is stylishly written and often entertaining, as in the account of the arrival as major investors of the "southern Europeans" (newspaper groups from Spain and Italy). But chiefly one remembers the acid portrait of Whittam Smith, together with the unhappy atmosphere of squabbles and rivalries in which they all seem to have existed. (Amazingly, it is suggested that Glover's fate was sealed when he had the prime minister to lunch with some of the Sunday journalists and neglected to invite anyone from the daily.)

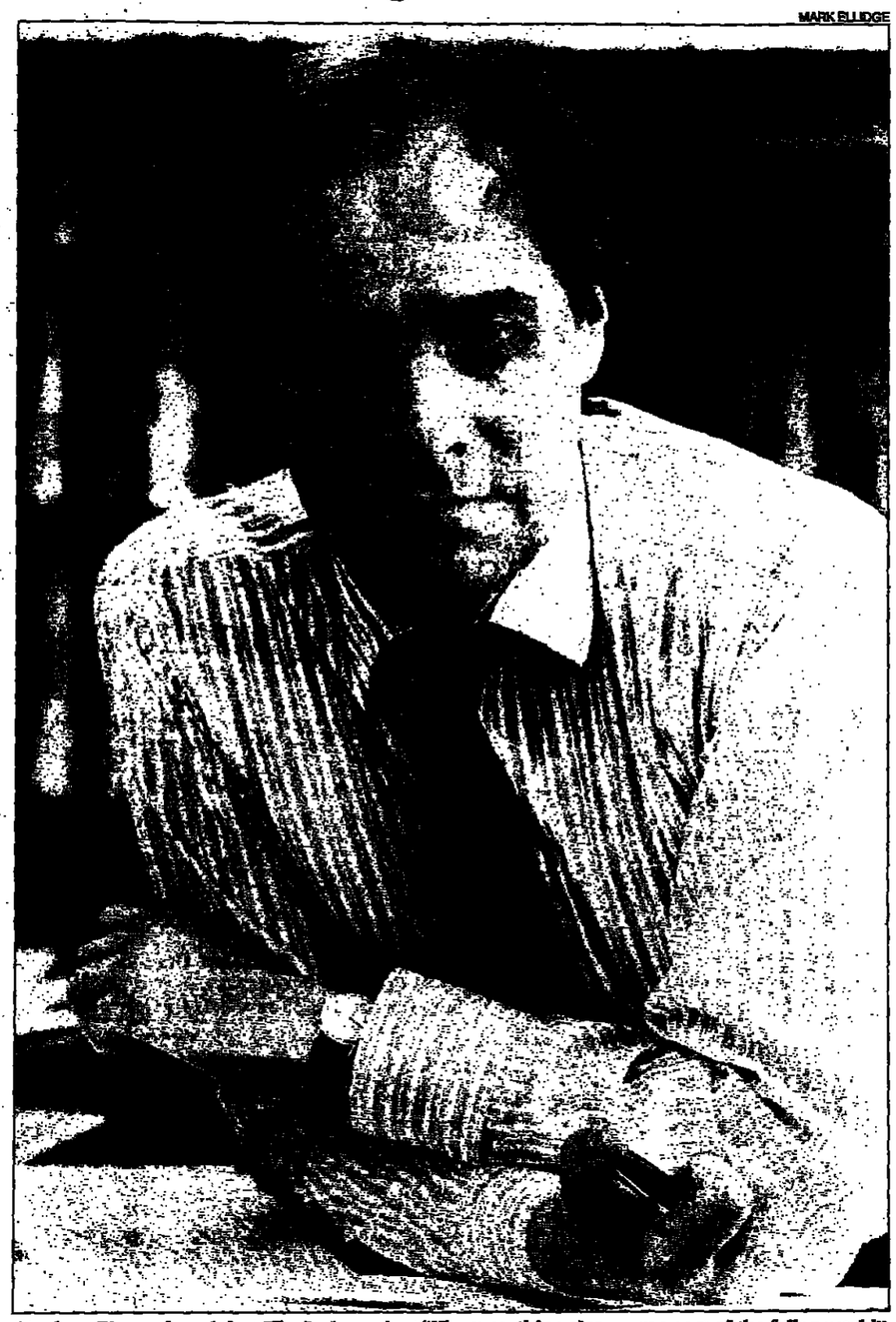
It is necessary to remember that this book gives only a one-sided view, if a persuasive one. Glover recognises that in the end the practical matters they were ostensibly quarrelling about were not the real issues, which were "enmity and old friendships gone sour".

The developing rift with his colleagues was evidently embittering and painful to him. He likens it to "a horrifying expedition during which all one's worst fears about former friends are confirmed". I suppose it was not much fun for the former friends, either. Everyone concerned, writes Glover, had to learn that even a newspaper founded by three journalists did not operate by different laws and that "like everything else it was part of the fallen world". A pretty obvious conclusion, you might think; but it is the nearest thing to a moral in this sad tale.

J. W. M. Thompson was editor of The Sunday Telegraph, *1976-86.*

PAPER DREAMS
By Stephen Glover
Jonathan Cape, £17.99

MARK ELLIDGE



Stephen Glover: found that *The Independent* "like everything else... was part of the fallen world"

The art of turning the tables

Tom Rhodes

THE MONEY SPINNERS
How Professional Gamblers beat the Casinos at their own Game
By Jacques Black
Faber, £12.99

Gambling, for the vast majority of us at least, tends to be confined to the occasional flutter on The Grand National, the minimalist wager on a point of fact, or an amateur game of blackjack. It is with some trepidation, therefore, that one picks up a book entirely devoted to the mysterious world of bankroll, card counting and the Bernoulli system.

Professional gamblers are prepared to lose thousands without flinching. They are unquestionably a people obsessed. Any book on the subject written by a professional cannot fail to be touched by that obsession, which is probably why this ranges from being a fascinating *tour d'horizon* of the industry to becoming, at times, a rather tedious catalogue of gambling systems. The author, writing under the less than original nom de plume of Jacques Black, has clearly spent much of his time — when not working as a loan officer for the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg — practising his probability theories in most London casinos, from which he has since been banned.

There is little doubt that "Black" has not merely studied his methods with mathematical precision — as one might expect from his successes — he has also learnt from ultimate practitioners of the art.

He has analysed the antics of William Nelson Darnborough, the winner of a fortune on roulette, Nick "the Greek" Dandalos who netted half a million dollars on the turn of a single poker card and Dr Edward O. Thorp, the impoverished physics postgraduate at UCLA who sought to "shatter the chains of poverty through a scientifically based winning gambling system." His haunts were not Wembley or Lords, but the Golden Nugget in Shaftesbury Avenue, Charlie Chester's in Soho and Napoleon's in Leicester Square.

But this book does not, and nor could it, confine itself to the mundane salons of Britain. Black successfully outlines the history of the casino, from its 1808 inception at the Palais Royal in Paris to the Kursaal in Homburg, the Grand Casino at Monte Carlo and the 20th century titans of Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

For those who have, out of interest rather than addiction, watched people gamble away their fortunes in the larger casinos, *The Money Spinners* does provide a revelatory insight into this powerful demi-monde. But by the nature of its authorship, this does tend towards the specialist. While the appendices, taking up one third of the book, offer a simpleton's guide to games and how to beat the system, the descriptions of these in practice are largely only of interest to the serious devotee.

Amid all his cautionary tales about giving up roulette, Jacques Black, whoever he may be, is still prepared to offer the following bold advice: "If you must go on gambling, consider taking up a positive expectation game — that is, a game where the gambler can, under certain conditions, gain an edge over the bank. A game such as blackjack." Gamblers, after all, will be gamblers.



Marlborough: "The Duke... did pleasure me in his top boots."

Heroes but no hero worship

Angus Macintyre

MARLBOROUGH
By J. R. Jones
Cambridge University Press, £25
PITT THE ELDER
By Jeremy Black
Cambridge University Press, £25
WILLIAM TEMPLE
By John Kent
Cambridge University Press, £25

Modern biographies are often chest-crushers. These three — the first volumes in a new Cambridge series, *British Lives*, edited by Maurice Cowling and John Vincent — prove that shorter biographies can be friendly to readers and of high quality as well.

J. R. Jones is as interested in Marlborough's diplomatic achievement in holding together an unstable anti-French alliance as in his ability as a commander. Pitt the Elder's career is located by Jeremy Black in a complex political world in which, in Black's perceptive view, Pitt was an "outsider" by background, temperament, and calculation. As a theologian, John Kent has some sharply critical things to say about Archbishop Temple's theological positions, but his main focus is on Temple as a reformer of church and society.

The careers of Marlborough and Pitt reveal striking similarities. Both changed the course of history: Marlborough by the string of victories from Blenheim in 1704 to Malplaquet in 1709, which halted Louis XIV's drive for the mastery of Europe; Pitt by his leadership during the Seven Years' War when "America was won in Germany".

Both rose by their own wits and devices. Marlborough used his charm and body to please the powerful women in Charles II's court. Pitt's weapons were his studied, classical oratory ("splendid verbiage", according to one witness) and a populist appeal which he could turn off as well as on. Both claimed to act above party interests. Marlborough was a master of ambiguity, a match for the French in the techniques of *chicanerie*; he also needed to keep his European military mission as separate as possible from the fierce partisanship of politics at home. Pitt's fetish of his "independence" was also partly calculated, although he was really a whig of "Revolution principles", the Revolution of 1688.

Marlborough could make no such claim: his treachery to James II helped to make 1688 possible, but he would have been equally ready to serve a restored Stuart. Real power came to both men late (in their fifties); both clung on too long as power ebbed away from them. Their characters could hardly have been more different. Marlborough was a coolly intelligent and avaricious calculator, whose mask was dropped together with his breeches, on returning from war) for his duchess, Sarah. The influence of her strong will and erratic mind is perhaps underestimated here. The excellent accounts of his generalship — careful preparations, tactical mobility, and the ruthless intensity of his battles — would have been helped by maps.

Pitt was mercurial, morally respectable, often seriously ill, careless about money. Always certain of his opinions, particularly when he had changed them, he was contemptuous of nearly all other politicians. His great strength was his single-minded direction of decisions towards grand strategic aims. Jeremy Black's nuanced account is of a man with remarkable gifts and flaws who did not have greatness thrust on him.

William Temple was cast in a less heroic mould. A good, energetic man with the social conscience common among his class and generation (Rugby, along with R.H. Tawney and Balliol, where he absorbed Hegel *à l'anglaise* laced with Platonism), he wanted the Church of England to express the values of an organic, national community, based on greater social equality. Before his death in 1944 after only two years as Archbishop of Canterbury, he had helped to lay some of the foundations of the welfare state. He now stands accused by Corelli Barnett as one of those who encouraged the British after 1945 to choose welfare instead of economic reconstruction.

This trio whets the appetite for more. Which women will be given lives, and what will "British" turn out to mean?

The stupidest party?

John Biffen

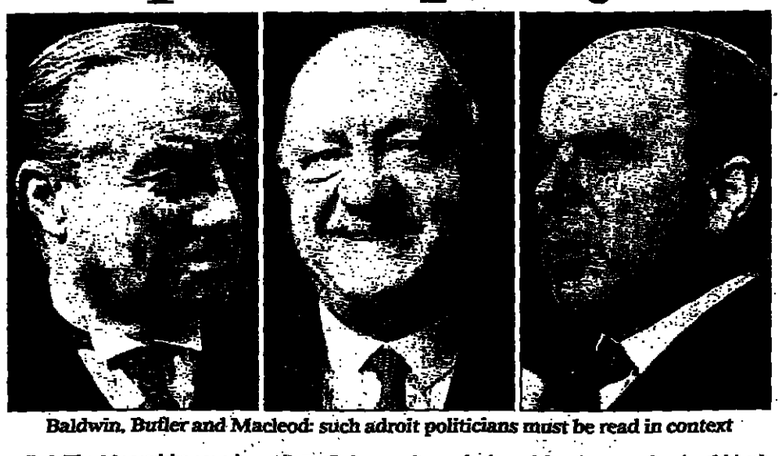
THE FABER BOOK OF CONSERVATISM
Edited by Kenneth Baker
Faber, £17.50

It is possible to write a highly successful book with a theme illustrated by literary extracts and enhanced by the author's commentary. *My Secret Planet* by Denis Healey is a near classic example of this art. Kenneth Baker has sought to present his own political commitment using very much the same technique, using extracts in time and quality from Aristotle to the 1979 Conservative party manifesto. He has produced a readable book, with some excellent and incisive quotations that contrast with the impoverished current political "word-bites", but it does him less than justice.

Kenneth Baker's commentary, which introduces the 18 chapters that comprise the book, give the inkling of a politician who should have his own book to write without a host of past public figures to speak for him. He could certainly produce his own volume on contemporary Conservatism.

If on the other hand, Baker had wished to provide a source book for major contributors to Conservative thought he would have done well to limit their number in this book (there are more than 160) and to have himself provided a more substantial commentary linking the authors. I am convinced that Kenneth Baker should proclaim his own political faith from cover to cover and with the candour which is the privilege of a former minister, now a "born again" backbencher.

Meanwhile *The Faber Book of Conservatism* has a merit of its own. It enables Kenneth Baker to argue succinctly the case for a highly civilised form of contemporary Conservatism which has a high regard for property, for wider social values, and for a strong sense of national identity within the European partnership. In respect of the last-mentioned, he writes concerning the then Sir Geoffrey Howe's resignation that "the central issue was, and it remains, what sort of Europe the party wants — a growing centralised Community, federal in all but name, or a Community of nation states cooperating but not compelled. The Maastricht negotiations in December 1991 did not resolve this, but the mood in the country and party has shifted to a broader and wider Europe."



Baldwin, Butler and Macleod: such adroit politicians must be read in context

Of course none of the extracts that accompany this chapter take any further his tantalising observations, that run to the very heart of the present Conservative European debate. This illustrates the gap there can be between the author's commentary and the texts that accompany it.

Happily there are many chapters where this is not so. In the chapter "Change is our Ally", Baker writes of the political need for a "reasonable pragmatic, and sensible approach to change." This is matched by the splendid and spirited sentiments of the Duke of Wellington in 1836: "All that I can hope for is, that the change of this country may be gradual, that it may be effected without civil war, and may occasion as little destruction of individual interests and property as possible."

Baker develops his own brand of Conservatism, which skilfully blends an acknowledged inheritance from both Edward Heath and Margaret Thatcher, praying in aid both Adam Smith and Edmund Burke. More predictably, and nearer contemporary times, he draws upon Stanley Baldwin, Rab Butler and Iain Macleod. They were all politicians well able to shift their ideological balance from foot to foot, and their quoted remarks must be seen in this context. This does not distress Kenneth Baker, who argues, and I emphatically agree, that there is no new Conservatism, only a restatement of old beliefs in modern terms.

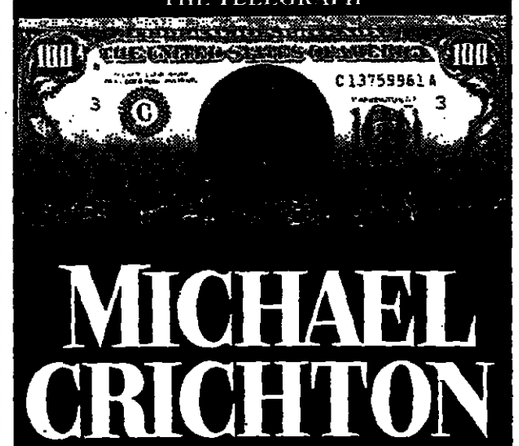
Thus the essential value of this anthology is the demonstration of an ageless Tory ambivalence about the enthusiastic search for political and social ideals, and a healthy distrust of centralised power. To that end Baker has accumulated literary as well as political witnesses. In *The Old Curiosity Shop* Dickens provides a pertinent comment upon the power of property: "The ties that bind the wealthy and the proud to home may be forged on earth, but those which link the poor man to his humble hearth are of the truer metal and bear the stamp of Heaven." It would take a Macleod to find politicians' words to match these sentiments.

Predictably G.K. Chesterton and Rudyard Kipling are frequently quoted, and a light touch is provided by P.G. Wodehouse with a contribution entitled "I don't understand English titles". The book freely mixes contributions from political and literary authors, who range from the epigrammatic to the flippant. The mixture may not be scholarly but nor is it dull.

Perhaps the final word should rest with Cardinal Newman: "It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say he is one who never inflicts pain... If he engages in controversy of any kind, his disciplined intellect preserves him from the blundering discourtesy of better, perhaps, but less educated minds..." Perhaps Kenneth Baker has unearthed a text that will serve for prime minister's Question Time.

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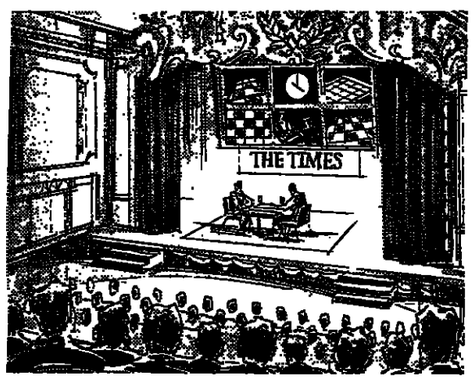
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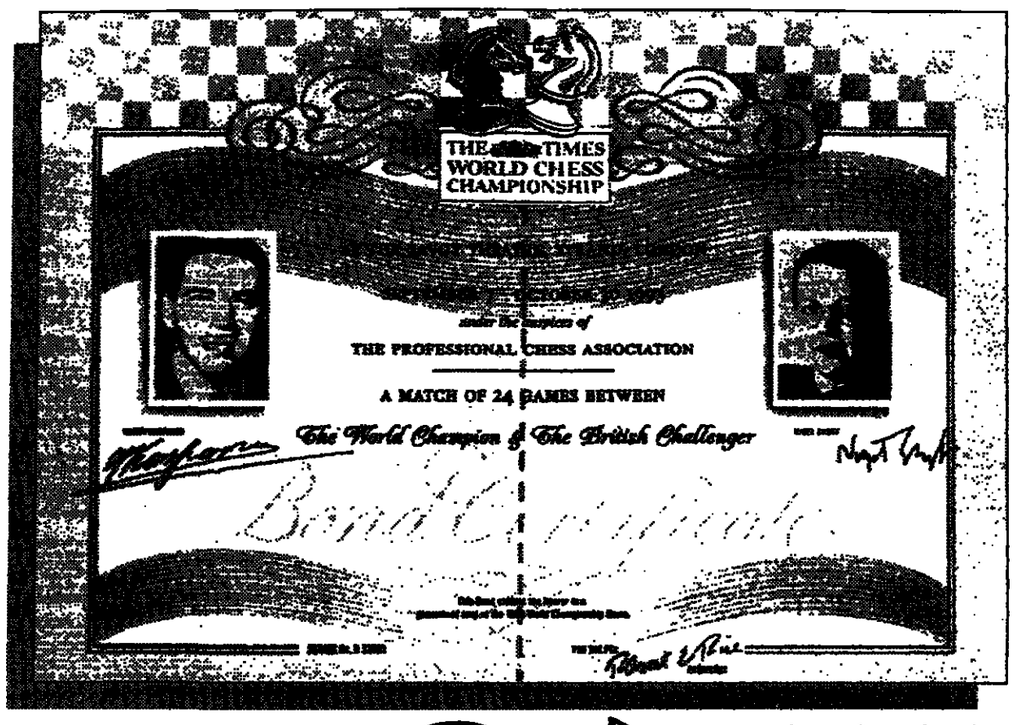
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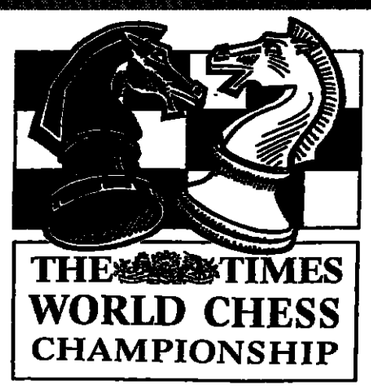
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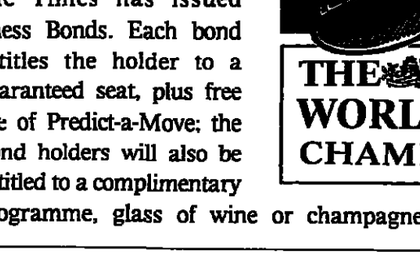
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Concern at trend in potion taking

BY JOHN GOODBODY

A LEADING campaigner against drug abuse in sport yesterday warned of the "sinister development" of competitors believing that talent and training were not enough for success, increasingly turning to food and vitamin supplements for assistance.

Professor Peter Radford, the chairman of the Sports Council's drug abuse advisory group (DAAG), described this attitude as a "slippery slope" because some competitors do not know where to draw the line and so start using banned substances.

Radford, an Olympic 100 metres bronze medal winner, said: "Many top sportsmen believe they cannot succeed without special supplements. Often they do not know how much to take or whether they are pure, or even whether they are safe."

He said that there was doubt about the effectiveness of many supplements and potions, some of which contain small quantities of substances which can be proscribed by the International Olympic Committee.

Although there has been a drop in the annual number of adverse findings in the testing carried out by the Sports Council over the last year, Radford said that competitors might be getting better at avoiding detection.

Radford, a professor at Glasgow University, said he was concerned at the number of people not taking part in competitive sport but were using anabolic steroids.

☐ Lyudmila Narozhilenko, Russia's world champion hurdler, is appealing against a four-year doping ban by claiming that her estranged husband secretly made her take steroids.

Going strong and ready to tackle Lions



A member of a famous rugby family may fall foul of the citing law. **David Hands** reports

MUCH of the land between Auckland and the far north of New Zealand lies in folds, wrinkled by the giant hand of nature. A bit like Charles Going, 36, the North Auckland centre who in Whangarei on Saturday plays against the British Isles for the third time in his career.

Going's first appearance against the Lions was in 1977, when he marked Ian McGeechan, now the Lions coach. A member of the remarkable Going family which proliferates in North Auckland rugby and of which Sid Going was the best known, Charles Going is still playing centre. He is, though, fortunate to be still going, as it were, and not gone altogether.

Going has fallen foul of the citing law which has been part of the game here for the last two years. When North Auckland, demoted last season to the second division, beat the newly-promoted Taranaki last week in Whangarei, Going was seen stamping on an opponent, Andy Slater. The incident was televised and a member of the public complained, with the result that the New Zealand Rugby Football Union's judicial body will sit in judgment tomorrow week.

The citing procedure was amended at the International Rugby Football Board's annual meeting in April to allow either side in a match to complain about foul play not spotted by the match officials. That is the procedure the Lions will follow on tour, but they will not accept complaints from spectators.

"In our case the citing can only be by one of the participating organisations involved in the game," Geoff Cooke, the Lions manager, said. "In New Zealand it's much more open. A member of the public can cite; we're not having that. Any complaint has to be lodged in writing within 12 hours of the end of the game."

This does not, of course, prevent any spectator who feels strongly about an incident lobbying his local officials as soon as a match is over.

In any case, the Lions are anticipating only the start of a successful tour rather than such snares. They have trained well since arriving in their Bay of Islands retreat of Paihia, although Stuart Barnes, the captain on Saturday, was left feeling somewhat dazed after a head-to-head collision with Rory Underwood.

Their main problem, though, surrounds Martin Bayfield. The Northampton lock, who toured here last year with England B (though he did not play in the four-point win against North Auckland), has a sore hamstring which casts a slight doubt on his availability. Damian Cronin stands by.

North Auckland will be led from lock by their only All Black (though a significant one), Ian Jones, and include on the wing a player who is the subject of an immigration department enquiry. David Manako, a Tongan, came to New Zealand in 1988 in the same schools party that included Willie Ofahengaue. The latter was not allowed to stay and took up residence in Australia, to notable effect. Manako's application for residency is still being considered. Meanwhile he distinguished himself in the All Blacks trials last week.

Although Saturday's match at Okara Park is said to be sold out, not all eyes will be on the Lions: Auckland play in the final of the Super Ten competition against Transvaal in Johannesburg, having omitted from the team their captain, Zinzan Brooke. The New Zealand No 8 has just returned from playing for Casale in Italy, and the provincial selectors have kept faith with the back row of Carter, Jackson and Jones which has played so well this season.

☐ Tim Rodber, the England back-row forward, has suffered a hamstring injury in Canada. The tour management is waiting until today before deciding whether to send for a replacement.

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Hurdling half: Barnes goes through his paces as the British Isles squad train in New Zealand yesterday

British Steel angles to win

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THERE was almost nothing to separate Richard Merriweather's Commercial Union from Group 4 Securitas yesterday as the ten yachts in British Steel Challenge fleet stormed up the Portuguese coast towards Cape Finesterre on the final stage of the round-the-world race.

The boat everyone is watching, however, is British Steel II, 170 miles west of the leaders and furthest north. Sailing at a faster angle to the wind than many of their rivals, Richard Tudor and his crew were 51 miles ahead of Commercial Union in terms of northing and almost certainly in a better position strategically than the fifth place given to them by the computer tracking system, which takes no account of the wind. At 1400 GMT yesterday, 34 miles was all that divided the first five, and any one of these could be the first into the Solent.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 1400 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): 1, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 773; 2, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 773; 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 783; 4, Rhone-Poulenc (F Philippi), 800; 5, British Steel II (R Tudor), 807; 6, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 847; 7, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 867; 8, Pride of Teesside (I Macgillivray), 880; 9, Inserspray (P Jeffes), 911; 10, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 1,200.

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☐ Matthew Humphries was named yesterday to lead Britain's combined disabled youth challenge Dolphin 60 in this year's Whitbread Round the World Race. The team, made up of six disabled and five youth sailors, has also attracted a further £100,000 from the Foundation for Sports and the Arts to compete in this summer's New York-London and Fastnet races as a prelude to the Whitbread event, which starts from Southampton in September.

WHITBREAD 60 CREW: Skipper: M Humphries. Crew: S Hayles, D Street, T Iles, G Mitchell, C Richardson, C Ramsden, M Sheffield, G Kessels, R Bickford, T Powell, S Cunnington.

Britain seek to extend trophy lead

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

THE British show jumping team, led by John Whitaker on Everest Milton, will attempt to extend their lead in the Nations Trophy when they compete in the British Nations Cup at Hickstead this weekend. The meeting, sponsored by Homepride, begins today and ends on Sunday with the £36,000 British Grand Prix.

Whitaker will be giving the 16-year-old Milton his first outing since finishing runner-up in the Volvo World Cup in Sweden last month. He will ride him today in preparation for Saturday's Nations Cup.

Although the grand prix takes place the following day, Whitaker intends jumping Milton in both. "It's not ideal having the two big classes on successive days — it would be nice if Milton only had to jump one round on Saturday," he said.

That would depend on the other three members of the team having clear rounds, with the best three scores out of four counting. Whitaker, his younger brother, Michael, with Everest Midnight Madness, and Nick Skelton with Limited Edition, will form the nucleus of the team.

The fourth place will go to either David Broome, whose clear round last year on Ancit Lannegan helped Britain to win the cup, or Warren Clarke, with Benjumin, who made their senior team debut in Rome last month.

Ronnie Massarella, the chef d'equipe, will choose the team on Friday evening. "You've got to go with your tried and trusted to Hickstead," he said yesterday. "You can't blood two in a team together."

Clarke, 23, the former Young Riders European team gold medal-winner, said: "The pressure doesn't worry me. I'd just want to be sure to go well."

Clarke's performance in Rome helped the team to finish in second place behind Germany. The same weekend Britain's "second eleven" had a surprise win in the Hungary Nations Cup, giving Britain a four-point lead over Germany in the Nations Cup series.

The other teams competing this weekend are Germany, France, Belgium, Ireland and Holland.

SPORTS LETTERS

IOC must not rush to award Games to China

From Mr Ross V. Turnbull

Sir, David Miller (May 6) puts forward in part Peking's case to hold the 2000 Olympic Games. They do have a case, but the case has to stand up.

I have the gravest concerns about the prematurity of awarding the Games to a China that has not changed its repressive policies.

If the International Rugby Football Board, on which I served from 1984 to 1989, had invited South Africa to participate in the 1987 World Cup, there would have been demonstrations outside our boardroom in London. The arguments against South Africa in relation to human rights were simply too strong and passionate for us even to consider such an invitation.

The world's exclusion of South Africa from international sport was one of the most important factors in instigating genuine change in that country. Furthermore, by bringing South Africa back into the fold only after genuine change, a powerful incentive has been created for the country to maintain that course.

The concept of the modern world conducting its premier sporting event in a ruthless, totalitarian state is unimaginable and unacceptable.

Two of the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter state:

"Olympism is a philosophy of life, exalting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, will and mind. Blending sport with culture and education, Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy found in effort, the educational value of good example and the respect for universal fundamental ethical principles."

"The goal of Olympism is to place everywhere sport at the service of the harmonious development of man, with a view to encouraging the establishment of a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity".

It is difficult to see how rewarding Peking with the 2000 Games could be consistent with these principles. Until China can display to the Olympic family such qualities as freedom, tolerance, harmony, cultural diversity, friendship and solidarity, its behaviour should not be rewarded. Nor will such reward without an authentic change give any basis or incentive to adopt these qualities.

By awarding the Games to China, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) would lose the opportunity of real influence in promoting human rights in China and influencing China's international behaviour such as in Tibet and Hong Kong. By retaining the prospect of a future award of the Games to China the IOC and its leadership will be seen to have acted in a statesmanlike manner and with the prospect of an unparalleled opportunity to exercise a beneficial interest in the world arena.

The IOC, when it meets in Monte Carlo on September 23, will be under the world microscope as never before. Its leaders have a tremendous responsibility to demonstrate to the world that sport is not the province of governments, multinational corporations or of giant world media organisations; that sporting delegates cannot be bought by favours or dictated to by their governments; and that they are there for one reason, and one reason only, for the benefit of sport and the athletes.

Yours faithfully,
ROSS V. TURNBULL,
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Woollahra, NSW 2025,
Australia.

Perks without responsibility

From Mr David Buchanan

Sir, In supporting the letter from Dudley Wood concerning payment of rugby union players (May 13), I would ask the practitioners and the participants in the twilight world of "shamateurism" what they actually want. Further, are they prepared to pay the price? Their argument that professional attitudes within the game deserve financial reward leads only in one direction: full professionalism.

Is this financially practical? One only needs to examine the annual reports and accounts of professional football or rugby league clubs to realise that the majority are close to bankruptcy. They are kept afloat by the beneficence and political prudence of their bankers.

Do players want to create a sport which could give them a paid career of perhaps ten years at the most? Would they then be confident of starting out on a new career path at the age of thirty-something?

It is evident that what the "shamateurs" want is the status quo legitimised. They demand the benefits of the professional game but none of its responsibility. They want the blind eye continually to be turned to the tax-free brown envelope, the borrowed smart car, the rent-free accommodation and the subsidised mortgage.

However, what are they prepared to give in return that thousands of others give for nothing? They give their names and their ability. Their names are theirs by right; their ability in part is natural but in the main has been developed by others who have given their services free.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BUCHANAN,
12 Rosehill Road, SW18.

Clash of codes

From Mr W. A. Anderson

Sir, The criticism expressed in Mr Garratt-Pearce's letter (May 13) on the BBC's lack of live Pilkington Cup final coverage is ill-directed.

For nearly a century, the Rugby League Cup final (and the Northern Union final which preceded it) has been held on the first Saturday in May, and for over 40 years — double the life of the Rugby Football Union's club competition — the BBC has had a contract for live coverage of the early rounds and the final.

This information is certainly available to those who organise the Pilkington Cup, a competition whose existence in common with so many other aspects of rugby union today, follows the example set by the professional code.

The BBC affords rugby league only one "showpiece" afternoon in the calendar, in comparison to the many devoted (and justifiably so) to rugby union.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM A. ANDERSON,
5 Station Road,
Parbold, Lancashire.

From Mr M. O'Hare

Sir, Surely the reasons the BBC chose to screen the Silk Cut Challenge Cup rather than the Pilkington Cup are that rugby league is Britain's second biggest spectator sport after football; that it would attract more viewers; and that Wigan and Widnes receive attendances far in excess of those achieved by Harlequins and Leicester.

Wembley, just like Twickenham, had a capacity crowd that day, save for the expensive seats in the Olympic Gallery.

If Mr Garratt-Pearce is unsure of the BBC's commitment towards rugby union, he need look no further than the weekly *Rugby Special*, broadcast throughout the season. Rugby league would love to have such a television slot.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL O'HARE,
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49 Roxborough Park,
Harrow on the Hill,
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Tottenham threat

From Mr Michael S. Petrook

Sir, As a lifelong supporter, I am disgusted by the upheaval at Tottenham Hotspur.

Two years ago Terry Venables rescued Spurs from almost certain liquidation. He has been responsible for a revival of fortunes both on and off the field.

Alan Sugar has, of course, been a major asset to the club, and mutually responsible for its continued existence, but financial gain depends on footballing success. Without the footballing genius of Venables, what can Sugar do for the club?

With his experience in business, Sugar should appreciate that the decision to dismiss Venables is a liability to the future success and existence of one of Britain's most celebrated footballing institutions.

For the sake of the supporters, and the club, he should reinstate Venables, notwithstanding the decision of the High Court.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL S. PETROOK,
26 Somerset Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham 15.

Second defence

From Mr P. Rayner

Sir, In the season just ended Arsenal scored fewer goals in the Premier League than any other club. They also conceded fewer goals than any other club bar one.

Should we deduce that their forwards were too busy helping out the defence to score goals?

Yours faithfully,
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Glue fumes pose heady problems for table tennis



David Miller reports from Gothenburg on the issue of fast but toxic bat adhesives

THE pitfalls of the professional sporting world tend to be conventional: wine and the opposite sex leading the field. Drug-enhancement arrived in the Sixties. Table tennis, one of the world's top six participant sports, has something different: unintended glue-addiction.

By an odd twist, proposed restrictions on aromatic glues may inadvertently lead to a slower, and therefore more commercially viable, spectator sport. The world championships are taking place here, the attacking Swedes having won an enthralling men's team title by defeating the subtly defensive Chinese against a background of a two-pronged controversy. The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) is attempting to remove the health risk posed by aromatic glues, used to fix sponge rubber to bats; a technical phenomenon that helps to make table tennis exceptionally fast — a 200kph ball spinning at 10,000rpm — and therefore almost unwatchable ... other than by table tennis players.

Ichiro Ogimura, of Japan, is one of the few presidents of Olympic sport who was a former international champion. In his opening address, to yesterday's ITTF biennial general meeting, Ogimura stated: "We are one of those invisible sports."

For six years, he has vigorously been campaigning to do something about it. In the ranking list of televised time of sports at the Olympic Games in Barcelona last summer, table tennis, in spite of its 100 million-plus participant potential audience, was placed by the host broadcasters in the lowest category — 25th — between shooting and archery, equally "invisible" to spectators. The financial limitation of this status is serious.

At the same time, table tennis suddenly finds itself condemned by doctors and chemists on the health risk, to the skin and by inhalation, from the rubber-fixing glues. While still wet, the glues behind the rubber give added pace and spin. Therefore, players were regluing bats twice a day or more.

Jan-Ove Waldner, the Swedish Olympic champion, said yesterday: "If I was banned from using glues in this tournament, I wouldn't have a chance." This is not to suggest Waldner is a glue-sniffer, merely that the issue embraces conflicting elements of success and health.

"If its dangerous, for sure I agree [with the ban]," Waldner said. "But I would like to look at all aspects. To prohibit all the glues would make the game less exciting."

On this, the Olympic champion may be wrong: though he knows nothing else, having been introduced at 16 to aromatic glues, so fast in their effect that for some years he did not use them on the backhand side.

Before the world championships, the ITTF banned certain glues on their perceived health risk. It introduced a $50,000 "bat breathalyser" that would determine prohibited glues, but has stopped short of withdrawing bats or competitors, merely giving "advice".

The English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) went further, banning all fast liquid glues, never mind the handicap to its team. Since only fast glues are relevant, the health risk would be solved coincidentally. "We had to protect the players," Johnny Leach, the ETTA president, said yesterday.

The ETTA was swiftly convinced when Keith Powell, a Scottish doctor, arrived at the relevant meeting wearing visor and plastic gauntlets as evidence of the realistic protection players needed.

Yesterday's ITTF meeting approved its council's ban as from September of all liquid glues, to be replaced by pressure-sensitive adhesive sheets (PSAS). The executive committee is granted authority to delay the ban if this is thought advisable.

The unofficial players' association, the Club of Table Tennis Professionals (CTTP), has protested at the swiftness of the decisions, but is weakened by its — so far — lack of constitutional status with ITTF and the absence of Chinese or women members. The meeting approved a freeze for two years on all equipment changes.

Leading equipment manufacturers are hedging their bets, confronted by possible commercial loss but conscious that resistance to safety would damage their image.

Ogimura, who has led the revolutionary use of yellow-orange balls on dark blue tables and wine floor covers to improve visibility, is aware that the glue issue can play into his hands by improving the spectator image — slowing the game, against the best Western players' wishes, and increasing the number of rallies.

Table tennis has the same problem as grasscourt tennis: tediously repetitive three-stroke points. It is Ogimura's intention to try to raise the average per point from under four strokes to something approaching seven. The innocent glue-sniffers may have helped him.

Persson loses crown in surprise defeat

JORGEN Persson, the defending champion, was knocked out in the first round of the world table tennis championships in Gothenburg yesterday, in one of the biggest surprises in the history of the sport (Richard Eaton writes).

The Swede lost his title when he was beaten in straight games by a qualifier, Patrick Chila, the French No 4.

"The worst 15 minutes of my life," as Persson described it, happened 36 hours after he had helped Sweden to retain the world team title before their ecstatic home crowd.

This almost certainly left him too drained to cope. Astoundingly, Chila beat him 21-14, 21-4, 21-17 and during the second game Persson was never in contention. He lost the first 12 points in that game as his renowned backhand deserted him.

Persson's compatriot, Peter Karlsson, the No 13 seed, was beaten 16-21, 21-11, 21-11, 21-16 by Vladimir Samsonov, a qualifier from Belarus.

England's two leading players, Chen Xinhua and Lisa Lomas, survived the first round, and so did Alan Cooke. But Carl Prean, the English national champion, who had his injured wrist bandaged, went down in five games to Fredrik Hakansson, 17, of Sweden.

OLGA SHALYGIN



Down to work: David Maugham, of England, lines up a shot during the world croquet championships at Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards in Windsor, California

Hill chases father's tracks

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MONACO

THE rain that offers Ayrton Senna the best chance of eclipsing the late Graham Hill's record of five Monaco grand prix wins fell heavily here yesterday sending the glitterati scurrying for cover.

Senna has won here for the past four years with McLaren, adding to his 1987 victory for Lotus, and is the acknowledged master of the tight, twisting street circuit that scythes its way through the Principality.

His brilliance on the stage that has become Formula One's blue riband event may even render the help of the elements unnecessary. But if Senna is to better Hill's record, which has stood from 1969, he will have to break the resistance of the determined son of a famous father.

The rain may ease by the time of Sunday's race, but the family pride of Damon Hill will not have dulled. The power advantage enjoyed by his Williams-Renault will be at a season's low, but he promised yesterday he would not allow his father's achievement to be overtaken by Senna or equalled by teammate Alain Prost without a fight.

"There is the family reputation to protect," Hill said. "Alain and Senna are in a position to claim my dad's glory and I know that I have got a big job to do to stop that happening.

"Monte Carlo is special enough in the grand prix calendar anyway, but because of what dad did here, it is extra special for me. He was synonymous with the race and now there is a chance I could do well here too."

But the experience of the Frenchman and Senna, who between them have won here for the past nine years, will be hard to overcome.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Player fined £1,000 for Wembley foul

BOBBY Goulding, of Widnes, was yesterday fined £1,000 — half of it suspended for a year — by the Rugby Football League board for misconduct during the Challenge Cup final at Wembley earlier this month. He was also warned as to his future behaviour after his high tackle on Jason Robinson, of Wigan, which sparked off a brawl during the match. He escaped at the time with a lecture from the referee, but was later ordered to appear before the board of directors in Leeds after a video recording was reviewed.

Wigan and Leeds, who attract large crowds, have been awarded the plum Sunday club games against the touring New Zealanders in the autumn. Wigan, the champions, play them on October 10, and Leeds do so a fortnight later. Both clubs will also host a Great Britain-New Zealand match.

ITINERARY: Oct 3: v Wales (Swansea). Oct 6: v Bradford. Oct 10: v Wigan. Oct 12: v Castleford. Oct 16: v GB (Wembley). Oct 20: v St Helens. Oct 24: v Leeds. Oct 26: v GB Under-21 (Workington). Oct 30: v GB (Wigan). Nov 2: v Widnes. Nov 6: v GB (Leeds).

First for Christie

ATHLETICS: Linford Christie will make his first appearance of the summer at the Pearl European Relays in Portsmouth on June 5. The Olympic 100 metres champion has resumed training, but is still having treatment for a back injury. He will run the 100 metres leg of a special medley relay event, which will also have 200m, 300m and 400m legs. Christie has not raced since low-key sprint outings during his winter training in Australia. Tom McKean, David Sharpe, Curtis Robb and Matthew Yates will attempt to break the world 4 x 800 metres relay record. Colin Jackson, Tony Jarrett and Sally Gunnell, the Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion, will feature in hurdles relays.

Hide keeps British title

BOXING: Herbie Hide, the British heavyweight champion, has been cleared to keep the title. Hide beat Michael Murray in Dagenham ten weeks ago to take the title, but his qualification was called into question because he was born in Nigeria, arriving in England, where he was adopted by British foster parents, when he was two. After checks with the Home Office, the British Boxing Board of Control has said Hide should keep the title. The board, meanwhile, has introduced a new 8st 10lb division, super-bantamweight.

Webb's goals decisive

POLO: Hector Perrodo's Labegorce took on Doug Matthews's quartet, Aspen, in league four of the Queen's Cup Challenge at Smith's Lawn yesterday and, thanks to three spectacular galloping goals by Barney Webb, won 8-5. He was backed by the brilliance of the Argentinians, Horacio and Gonzalo Heguy. In the Dollar Challenge, the Minotaurs, put together by the Swiss player, Adriano Agosti, beat John Seabrook's Chateau Anglais 6-4. They attacked more often but were prone to infringements.

King eyes England

BASKETBALL: Tony King, from East Michigan University, has paid his own fare from Canada in the hope of playing for England in the European championship additional nations tournament in Poland next week. The English Basket Ball Association had not heard of King, who is 6ft 7in, was born in London and holds a British passport, until he contacted it a month ago. He is hoping to impress Kevin Cadle, the England coach, in two games this weekend against Purdue University, the American college side.

Threat to Seles's lead

TENNIS: Monica Seles, who has withdrawn from the French Open and Wimbledon, looks likely to lose her position at the head of the world rankings. Seles, 19, is still recovering from the knife attack on her in Hamburg earlier this month. She will lose the No 1 ranking unless Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sánchez Vicario lose in the early rounds of both tournaments.

☐ Martina Navratilova will head the draw for the DFS Classic at Edgbaston Priory, Birmingham, on June 7 to 13.

Bishop to miss rest of season

IAN Bishop, the West Indies and Derbyshire fast bowler, will miss the rest of the season and the Test series against England next winter after it was confirmed yesterday that he is suffering from a stress fracture of the lower back.

Bishop has been told by a specialist in Derby to rest from the game for a year. He broke down during the second Test against Pakistan in Barbados last month, when the problem was diagnosed as muscular.

"We find it hard to understand how such a serious injury could be diagnosed as an inflamed muscle," Bob Lark, the Derbyshire chief executive, said. "We shall be writing to the West Indies board expressing our dismay at the way this has been handled."

In the absence of Bishop, Mortensen, who is also injured, and Cork, who is in the England squad, Matthew Van Drau, a 23-year-old off spinner from South Africa, is likely to make his debut for Derbyshire against Essex at Chelmsford today.

Michael Atherton, overlooked by the selectors for the one-day internationals but expected to come into the reckoning for the first Test, was forced to retire with a back injury when nine runs short of a century for Lancashire against Cambridge University at Fenner's yesterday.

Another notable England absentee, Mike Gatting, had a mixed return to the Middlesex side after gashing his arm. He made 60, but Middlesex were dismissed for 235. MacDonald taking a career-best five for 20.

SCOREBOARDS

University matches

Cambridge University v Lancashire

FENNER'S (*first day of three; Cambridge University won toss*): *Lancashire have scored 342 for three wickets against Cambridge University*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Jarrett b Haste	106
*M A Atherton retired hurt	91
N J Speak c Arscott b Haste	35
G D Lloyd c Pearson b Whittall	46
†W K Hegg not out	26
M Watkinson not out	31
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 2)	7
Total (3 wkts)	342

P A J DeFreitas, P J Martin, S D Fletcher, G Chapple and A A Barnett to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-226, 2-281, 3-289.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *J P Crawley, G W Jones, M E D Jarrett, R Cake, G M Charlesworth, J Leppard, †J P Arscott, N J Haste, C M Pitcher, R M Pearson and A R Whittall.*

Umpires: J W Holder and A Clarkson.

Oxford University v Middlesex

THE PARKS (*first day of three; Middlesex won toss*): *Oxford University, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 199 runs behind Middlesex*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M Keech c Malik, b Yeabsley	12
J C Pooley lbw b MacDonald	49
R J Sims c Keey b MacDonald	28
†K R Brown c MacMillan b MacDonald	1
P N Weekes c Lyons b MacDonald	4
*M W Gatting c Yeabsley b Jeh	60
N F Williams c Lyons b Yeabsley	6
A R C Fraser c Keey b Yeabsley	15
C W Taylor not out	28
P C R Tufnell c Yeabsley b Tinmby	12
N G Cowans c Lyons b MacDonald	14
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 1)	7
Total	236

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-85, 3-89, 4-94, 5-101, 6-118, 7-164, 8-195, 9-216.

BOWLING: Jeh 11-0-55-1; Yeabsley 20-1-74-3; Gallian 13-4-41-0, MacDonald 16.1-7-20-5; Tinmby 14-3-37-1; Malik 2-1-3-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

C M Gupte not out	28
*J E R Gallian lbw b Cowans	6
C W J Lyons not out	0
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (1 wkt)	37

G I MacMillan, C L Keey, H S Malik, E Fowler, M P W Jeh, R S Yeabsley, †C W J Lyons, R H MacDonald and P Tinmby to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-34.

Umpires: R Palmer and T E Jesty.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Cardiff: Hampshire 325 for 7 dec (M Garaway 121, R M F Cox 67, R T P Miller 50); Glamorgan 17 for no wkt

Canterbury: Kent 318 (A Ffanck 86 not out); Essex 15 for no wkt.

Leicester: Leicestershire 423 for 8 dec (J M Dakin 103, A F Haye 85, J D R Benson 63; J E Hindson 5-176) v Nottinghamshire.

Northampton: Somerset 382 for 4 dec (K A Parsons 164, K Sedgbeer 103, J Wyatt 75); Northamptonshire 14 for 1.

Kidderminster: Lancashire 353 for 8 dec (G Yates 122 not out, J D Fitton 51); Worcestershire 22 for no wkt.

Headingley: Yorkshire 195 (S J Foster 50); Middlesex 129 for 5.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 6, Florida Marlins 0; Montreal Expos 1, Atlanta Braves 0; Pittsburgh Pirates 10, New York Mets 8; Chicago Cubs 4, St Louis Cardinals 1; Colorado Rockies 2, San Diego Padres 1 (11 inns), Los Angeles Dodgers 8, Cincinnati Reds 1; San Francisco Giants 7, Houston Astros 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 7, Cleveland Indians 0; Chicago White Sox 7, California Angels 4; Detroit Tigers 5, Milwaukee Brewers 1; New York Yankees 5, Minnesota Twins 3; Kansas City Royals 6, Oakland Athletics 1; Texas Rangers 3, Seattle Mariners 2. Postponed: Toronto Blue Jays v Boston Red Sox.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Second round: New York Knicks 105, Charlotte Hornets 101 (New York win best-of-seven series 4-1) Western Conference: Second round: Seattle SuperSonics 120, Houston Rockets 85 (Seattle lead series 3-2), Phoenix Suns 109, San Antonio Spurs 97 (Phoenix lead series 3-2).

BOXING

BAY ST LOUIS, Mississippi: Heavyweight bout: Larry Holmes bt Paul Poirier, rsf 6th



Larry Holmes: sixth round win over Poirier

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Cardiff: Bristol: Warwickshire 208-7 (W G Khan 58); Gloucestershire 210-7 (M W Alleyne 76). Gloucestershire won by 3 wkts; Canterbury: Kent 257-8, Essex 258-4 (N V Knight 119 not out, R J Rollins 65). Essex won by 6 wkts

FOOTBALL

FRENCH CUP: Quarter-final: Paris Saint-Germain 2, Bordeaux 0

WORLD CUP, Asian zone qualifying matches: Group E: Malaysia 5, Macao 0; Saudi Arabia 2, Kuwait 0 (Saudi Arabia qualify for second round).

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group Two: San Marino 0, Poland 5. Group Six: Sweden 1, Austria 1

JAPANESE PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE: Urawa Reds 0, Nagoya Grampus Eight 3, Kashima Antlers 3, Yokohama Flugels 2; Ichihara JEF United 2, Kawasaki Verdy 1; Shizimu S-Pulse 1, Hiroshima San Freece 0; Yokohama Marinos 1, Osaka Gamba 0 (aet)

TOUR MATCH: Samba (Tanzania) 1, Bournemouth 2.

ZURICH: Under 15 match: Switzerland 2, England 3.

ALDER CUP: Final: Blackburn 2, Liverpool 1

ENGLISH MARS UNDER-19 TROPHY: Final: Taunton's Grammar, Southampton 1, Longlands College, Middlesbrough 1.

GOLF

PRESTWICK ST NICHOLAS: Scottish women's championship: Qualifying round: 149: C Lambert (North Berwick), 80, 69. 157: C Macdonald (Dunfermline), 82, 75; F McKay (Tumberry), 78, 79. 158: J Moodie (Windyhill), 87, 71. 159: A Rose (Stirling), 80, 79. 160: F Anderson (Blairgowrie), 82, 78. 161: J Ford (Gullane), 80, 81. 165: L Anderson (Tain), 83, 82; C Meldrum (Stranraer), 82, 83. 166: K Marshall (Baberton), 87, 79; S Alexander (Elgin), 86, 80; D Jackson (Cochrane Castle), 85, 81; S Lamble (Troon), 84, 82. 167: M McKinlay (Blairmore & Strone), 91, 76; C Divers (Douglas Park), 91, 76. 168: M Stavert (Craigmillar Park), 90, 78. 169: C Gibson (Prestwick St Cuthbert), 91, 78. 170: S McMaster (Dunbar), 87, 83; F McKay (Elgin), 87, 83; P Hutton (Lanark), 86, 84. 171: S Latta (Dundee Univ), 90, 81. A Hendry (Hamilton), 89, 82; A Wilson (Haggs Castle), 87, 84; L Cane (Merchants of Edinburgh), 87, 84; S Spewak (Dunbar), 84, 87. 172: F de Vries (Baberton), 93, 79; A Gemmill (Kirkintilloch Barassie), 91, 81; J Finnie (Troon), 90, 82, D Beaty (Penrith), 89, 83; R Kennedy (Troon), 89, 83, M McKay (Tumberry), 88, 84; K Fitzgerald (Tumberry), 85, 87. First round draw: Lambert v Fitzgerald, Gibson v Stavert, Meldrum v Cane; Spewak v L Anderson, Rose v Finnie; Little v Jackson; Lamble v Hutton; Besty v Moodie; F McKay (Tumberry) v Kennedy; F McKay (Elgin) v McKinlay; Alexander v Hendry; Gemmill v F Anderson; Ford v de Vries; Wilson v Marshall; Divers v McMaster and M McKay v Macdonald.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: Wales Conference finals: Montreal Canadiens 4, New York Islanders 3 (OT2) (Montreal lead best-of-seven series 2-0).

RUGBY UNION

SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO, Buenos Aires: Argentine Northern Regional 28, Japan 42.

SHOOTING

HARARE: Zimbabwe National Championships: President of Zimbabwe Trophy: 1, T Rylands (GB), 392.44; 2, P Kotze (SA), 390.40; 3, N Bell (GB), 389.42; 4, J Messer (GB), 389.32; 5, S Penrose (GB), 388.45. Godden Trophy: Final stage: 1, Bell 144.18; 2, Penrose 143.17. Eddie Webb Memorial Trophy: 900m aggregate: 1, Messer 122.12, 2, Penrose 121.14; 3, Rylands 120.12; 4, C Hockley (GB), 120.10.

SQUASH

TOKYO: Women's JSM Supersquash tournament: First round: M Martin (Aus) bt L Charmen (Eng), 9-5, 9-7, 9-6; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt E Donaldson (Scot), 9-0, 9-1, 9-3; S Wright (Eng) bt J Martin (Eng), 4-9, 9-2, 9-6, 9-7; S Schone (Ger) bt K Takeda (Japan), 9-1, 9-4, 9-0; L Irving (Aus) bt T Weeks (Aus), 9-2, 9-0, 9-0; D Drady (Aus) bt S Bradley (Aus), 7-9, 3-9, 10-9, 10-8, 9-5; L Opie (Eng) bt M Adachi (Japan), 9-1, 9-6, 9-2; C Owens (Aus) bt H Van Hoorn (Holl), 9-7, 9-7, 10-8; C Nitch (SA) bt K Kelso (USA), 9-1, 9-3, 9-3; S Horner (Eng) bt D Hollaran (US), 9-4, 9-1, 9-3; R O'Callaghan (Ire) bt D Sommers (Holl), 9-2, 9-2, 9-6; C Jackman (Eng) bt M Houtsma (Holl), 9-5, 9-3, 9-2; R Macree (Eng) bt M Bell (Aus), 9-4, 9-2, 6-9, 9-7; H Wallace (Can) bt B Belknap (US), 9-0, 9-3, 9-0; F Geaves (Eng) bt Y Sakai (Japan), 9-4, 9-4, 9-2; M La Molignan (Eng) bt V Cardwell (Aus), 9-3, 9-2, 9-3.

TABLE TENNIS

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Gothenburg). Selected GB results: Men, First division: Chen Xinhua (Eng) bt I Stokes (Scot), 21-12, 21-10, 21-12; J-M Saive (Bel) bt C Steven (Ire), 21-11, 21-13, 21-12; V Florea (Rom) bt M Syed (Eng), 21-9, 21-17, 21-14; F Hakansson (Swe) bt C Prean (Eng), 21-15, 19-21, 18-21, 21-14, 21-18; A Cooke (Eng) bt J Butler (US), 21-14, 22-24, 21-14, 21-16. Women, First round: L Lomas (Eng) bt P Frelih (Slo), 21-11, 21-12, 21-18; D Gargaitcheva (Bul) bt A Holt (Eng), 19-21, 21-6, 21-12, 21-18; L Erlman (Swe) bt F Elliot (Eng), 22-20, 20-30, 21-14, 19-21, 22-20.

TENNIS

STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: First round: K Quentrec (Fr) bt T Whitlinger (US), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; P Paradis Mangon (Fr) bt A Kijimuta (Japan), 6-2, 6-2; S Stafford (US) bt T Ignatieva (CIS), 6-0, 4-6, 6-1; S Fenna (It) bt N Baudone (It), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; M Endo (Japan) bt A Viera (Bra), 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; K Rinaldi (US) bt A Olivier (Fr), 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; S Pitowski (Fr) bt A Simodova (Cz Rep), 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; K Rinaldi (US) bt A Olivier (Fr), 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; S Appelmans (Bel) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. Second round: J Wegner (Austria) bt S Stafford (US), 6-3, 6-0; G Helgeson (US) bt S Appelmans (Bel), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; F Labat (Arg) bt K Rinaldi (US), 6-2, 7-5.

PARIS: French open qualifying tournament: Men: First round: H de la Pena (Arg) bt S Cole (GB), 6-3, 6-3; A Foster (GB) bt P Wekesa (Ken), 2-4 retired; A Vysand (CIS) bt C Wilkinson (GB), 6-2, 6-1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

FA Cup final replay

Arsenal v Sheffield Wednesday (all ticket, Wembley, 7.30)

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship (first day of four)

110 overs minimum

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Derbyshire

SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Northamptonshire

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Durham

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Yorkshire

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Kent

HORSHAM: Sussex v Leicestershire

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Somerset

Other matches

Second day of three, 11.0

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Lancashire

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Middlesex

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Cardiff: Glamorgan v Hampshire Canterbury: Kent v Essex. Leicester: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Somerset. Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Lancashire. Headingley: Yorkshire v Middlesex. Other match: Stratford-on-Avon: Warwickshire II v England Under-19.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: English women's championship (St Enodoc): Scottish women's championship (Prestwick)

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

2.30 Logan's Luck. 3.00 Shadow Jury. 3.30 Cyarna Quinn. 4.00 Great Steps. 4.30 Barratry. 5.00 My Desire.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 LOGAN'S LUCK (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 2d TYRIAN PLUM CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,579: 7f) (5 runners)

1	51-	LOGAN'S LUCK 205 (S) M Steele 9-5	K Darley 3
2	0111	WHITE CREEK 13 (V,CD,G,S) J Berry 8-9	J Carroll 1
3	00-0	ADMISSION 13 N Chamberlain 8-3	N Connorton 2
4	4	MR ABBOT 17 Mrs M Reveley 8-3	Darren Moffatt (5) 5
5	4-15	QUEEN OF THE QUORN 13 (C,S) G Moore 8-2	J Fanning 4

15-8 Logan's Luck, 2-1 White Creek, 7-2 Queen Of The Quorn, 5-1 Mr Abbot, 12-1 Admission.

3.00 185th BRITISH GUIANA 1 CENT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,427: 5f) (5)

1	66-3	LOCAL HEROINE 15 (D,F) J Berry 9-7	J Carroll 3
2	5541	SHADOW JURY 20 (D,F,G,S) D Chapman 9-3	K Darley 1
3	55-4	CANBY LAD 14 Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-5	K Fallon 5
4	3-40	COVENT GARDEN GIRL 28 M W Easterby 8-0	L Charnock 4
5	5-40	JOTRA 17 (V,BF) R Whitaker 7-13	W Carson 2

2-1 Shadow Jury, 11-4 Local Heroine, 3-1 Canny Lad, 9-2 Covent Garden Girl, 7-1 Jotra.

3.30 KLEENEX CLUB STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,765: 5f) (3)

1	112	BEST KEPT SECRET 16 (D,F,G) J Berry 9-0	J Carroll 3
2		SPRING LOADED 16 M Johnston 8-10	Dean McKeown 1
3	6120	CYARNA QUINN'S (D,S) M Channon 8-5	G Duffield 2

5-6 Best Kept Secret, 11-8 Cyarna Quinn, 5-1 Spring Loaded.

4.00 3d NEW CARLISLE ENVELOPE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,050: 1m) (6)

1	2-10	INTIRAZ 28 (F,G) H Thomson Jones 9-7	R Hills 4
2	2-33	CHEVROTAIN 16 (G) J Watts 9-1	M Birch 2
3	11-0	GREAT STEPS 7 (S) E Weymes 8-12	Dean McKeown 3
4	40-0	TAJDIF 37 (F,G) D Morley 8-7	W Carson 5
5	1112	JUST YOU DARE 7 (CD,BF,G,S) M Prescott 8-0	G Duffield 1
6	3-38	DOC COTTRILL 40 (BF,S) Mrs J Ramsden 7-12	J Lowe 6

9-4 Chevrotain, 3-1 Just You Dare, 7-2 Doc Cottrill, 5-1 Tajdif, 6-1 Intiraz, Great Steps.

4.30 USA BOSCAWEN PAID 5 CENTS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,435: 1m 2f 32yd) (6)

1	80	BARRATRY 21 H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan 6
2	4	MUTAWALI 10 D Morley 9-0	W Carson 2
3	600-	NEVER SO BRAVE 226 Mrs S Hall 9-0	N Connorton 1
4		RAHIL 225 H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills 4
5	3	RITTO 40 B Hills 9-0	G Duffield 3
6	0-	ROSSCOYNE 240 Mrs M Reveley 8-9	K Darley 5

5-2 Ritto, 3-1 Barratry, 7-2 Rahil, Mutawali, 10-1 Rosscoyne, 20-1 Never So Brave.

5.00 INDIA 1/2 ANNA SCARLET SCINDE DAWK HANDICAP (£3,435: 2m 19yd) (6)

1	0-41	MUCH SOUGHT AFTER 17 (S) (C) D Morley 4-9-12	G Duffield 1
2	9-56	BRANDON PRINCE 27 (B,D,F,G,S) I Balding 5-9-9	W Ryan 2
3	00-1	MY DESIRE 19 (C,D,F,G,S) Mr; M Reveley 5-9-6 (3ex)	Darren Moffatt (5) 6
4	014-	MY CHARA 178J (D,F,G,S) P Bevan 7-9-2	N Connorton 4
5	40-5	VALSEUR 8J (S) L Lungo 4-8-5	J Fanning 5
6	4254	HOT STAR 5 (S) G Moore 7-8-1	J Lowe 3

9-4 My Desire, 11-4 Much Sought After, 7-2 Brandon Prince, 5-1 My Chara, 6-1 Hot Star, 8-1 Valseur.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 12 winners from 27 runners, 44.4%; M Stoute, 13 from 38, 34.1%; M Prescott, 9 from 28, 32.1%; B Hills, 11 from 41, 26.8%; D Morley, 6 from 30, 20%; J Watts, 12 from 62, 19.4%.

JOCKEYS: W Carson, 21 winners from 52 rides, 40.4%; G Duffield, 12 from 50, 20%; N Connorton, 8 from 48, 16.7%; W Ryan, 6 from 37, 16.2%; M Birch, 20 from 124, 16.1%; J Carroll, 16 from 102, 15.7%.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Gift horse: Gisarne, the prize in a raffle, lands the Tripleprint Lupe Stakes from the favourite, Yawl, at Goodwood yesterday

Turf's elite face taxing time in Oaks

By Richard Evans and Julian Muscat

AN INLAND Revenue executive may eclipse the mighty Maktoums, Robert Sangster and other emperors of the turf by achieving classic glory next month, thanks to a winning 50p raffle ticket.

Gisarne, the winner of the Tripleprint Lupe Stakes at Goodwood yesterday and now 12-1 for the Energizer Oaks at Epsom, belongs for the year to Tony Hart, who won her in a competition organised by Racing Welfare.

Hart, 41, has been interested in racing since he was a child and has always wanted to own a horse. Little did he know that when a book of ten raffle tickets arrived *from the* Tote his wildest dreams were set to come true. His winning ticket was picked the day before his birthday in April.

"I am somewhere between heaven and nirvana," Hart said after seeing his John Dunlop-trained filly beat Yawl by a head to win yesterday's classic trial. "Wild horses would not stop me seeing her *run in the Oaks.*"

Gisarne, leased to Racing Welfare for the season by Lord Howard de Walden, was unraced as a two-year-old but has won both her starts and topped the £12,000 prize-money mark which Hart can receive under the conditions of the Lotteries Act.

"I shall invest the prize-money where the Inland Revenue cannot get their hands on it," he said. Hart and his wife, Carol, work at the Inland *Revenue's Middlesbrough* offices, where he deals with higher-rate taxpayers. "I have been interested in racing since I was five years old and for 20 years I have dreamt of owning a racehorse."

As Hart relished his moment of triumph, Dunlop applied a professional's perspective to the day's work. "Willie [Carson] said that ten furlongs is as far as she wants *to go* but will have to go to Epsom after that. Still, it was a truly-run race today and she will probably improve for the experience."

Barry Hills declined to confirm Yawl a definite runner in the Oaks, insisting he would make a decision at the end of the week.

"There is the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot and the *Irish Oaks to consider,*" he said. "It is a long season and there is no point in rushing her at this stage."

Of principal concern will be *how Yawl comes out of this* race. She picked up a cough just a few days before her intended seasonal reappearance in the Musidora Stakes *at York last week, which set* back her preparation.

Also, she showed signs of unease in the paddock and was distinctly warm. She was badly in need of this run, and with the Oaks coming in 16 days' time, *Hills's* concern is understandable.

However, Pat Eddery was enthusiastic about Yawl's effort. "She was very fresh," he reported. "She was giving weight to a filly who had already run, and one and a half miles will suit her much better. You can expect her to improve hugely for the run."

The Irishman is in a prime position to assess the Oaks *line-up. In addition to Yawl,* he also rode Marillette to her York victory and will be on board the French-trained Wemyss Bight on the big day.

Ladbrokes trimmed Yawl *to* 6-1 joint second-favourite behind Wemyss Bight at 4-1. William Hill saw no reason to amend their offer of 8-1.

MANDARIN

Nap: EN ATTENDANT
(3.10 Goodwood)
Next best: My Desire
(5.00 Newcastle)

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.10 Rohita. 2.40 Sword Master. 3.10 EN ATTENDANT (nap). 3.40 Thaleros. 4.10 Pharly Story. 4.45 Red Leader. 5.20 The Noble Oak.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Chatham Island. 3.10 En Attendant.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 *PHARLY STORY.*

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 PAYNE AND GUNTER STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £4,232: 6f) (8 runners)

101 (3) 221 ANTONIA'S FOLLY 24 (S) (C Dackers) J Berry 8-12 ... G Carter 92
102 (8) 1 ROHITA 27 (F) (B Taylor) M Channon 8-12 ... Pat Eddery 99
103 (6) DIAMOND PARK 27 (L Ward) R Hannon 8-10 ... B Raymond –
104 (1) 1 DON'T BE KOI 15 (F) (Kingsley House Partnership) M Johnston 8-10 ... T Quinn 94
105 (5) 0 EMMA GRIMES 12 (J Grimes) *M Muggeridge 8-10* ... Mark Denaro (7) –
106 (4) HADDIAH 12 (Prince A Faisal) J Dunlop 8-10 ... J Reid –
107 (7) SWAGGER LADY 12 (J Nash) J Dunlop 8-10 ... M Hills –
108 (2) URSULINE 12 (M Parrish) J Troy 8-10 ... L Piggott –

BETTING: 5-4 Rohita, 4-1 Haddiah, 5-1 Don't Be Koi, 6-1 Antonia's Folly, Diamond Park, 8-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ANTONIAS FOLLY beat Singular Sensation 2½l in 13-runner Windsor (5f, good to soft) maiden. ROHITA beat *Jade pet neck in 12-runner Sandown* (5f, good to firm) *maiden.* DON'T BE KOI beat Don Pepe 2l in 8-runner Edinburgh (5f, good to firm) maiden. EMMA GRIMES 16l 8th of 16 to Robellion in Bath (5f, firm) maiden. DIAMOND PARK (Foaled Mar 9. Cost 38,000gns) by Alzao out of 1m winner. HADDIAH (Jan 24) by Persian Bold out of a 1m 2f winner. SWAGGER LADY (Mar 30) half-sister by Tate Gallery to smart sprinter Powder Keg. URSULINE (Jan 14) by Most Welcome out of a mare placed over 1m 4f.
Selection: ROHITA

2.40 ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT HANDICAP
(£3,552: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

201 (8) 2626-30 PRINCE HANNIBAL 31 (CD,F,G) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 6-9-10 ... R Cochrane 91
202 (4) 30110-3 TEXAN TYCOON 31 (CD,G,S) (R Somerset) R Akehurst 5-9-9 ... T Quinn 91
203 (12) 310316 SWORD MASTER 9 (D,G) (I Vogt) Bob Jones *4-9-8* ... *N Day* 94
204 (13) 001502- QUADRANT 206 (D,G) (M Johnston) A Moore 4-9-8 ... Candy Morris 88
205 (2) 6-31644 BOOKCASE 15 *(CD,F,G,S) (Adept Ltd)* D Elsworth 6-9-7 ... J Williams 90
206 (11) 2306-56 GLIDE PATH 31 (F) (The Jampot Partnership) J Hills 4-9-5 ... M Hills 96
207 (15) 210-000 MOONLIGHT QUEST 26 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Lamb) B Hanbury 5-9-3 ... L Dettori 95
208 (1) 551-100 CHATHAM ISLAND 17 (F,G) (B Vesty) C Brittain 5-9-2 ... *B Doyle (3)* 94
209 (5) 43-2232 FIRST BID 9 (D,F,S) (Thomlinson's) R Whitaker 6-9-0 ... L Piggott 95
210 (6) 0000-14 MUNDAY DEAN 8 (B,D,BF,F,G) (T Kernan) *R O'Sullivan 5-8-9* ... J Reid 94
211 (7) 5400-00 KEEP ME IN MIND 8 (P Tory) N Mitchell 4-8-8 ... T Sprake 90
212 (14) 426/005- *EVERY ONE A GEM 301 (F) (J Daniels) M Dixon 6-7-13* ... N Gwilliams (5) –
213 (8) 0000-53 JAMES IS SPECIAL 19 (CD,G) (J Thomas) H Collingridge 5-7-13 ... J Quinn 99
214 (3) 1800-65 *SCENIC DANCER 14 (V,D,F,G) (A Hide) A Hide 5-7-12* ... N Varley (7) 90
215 (10) 20500-4 MARZOCCO 42 (F) (C Steward) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-7-12 ... T Williams 88

BETTING: 5-1 Munday Dean, 6-1 First Bid, 7-1 Texan Tycoon, 8-1 Glide Path, James Is Special, 10-1 Sword Master, 12-1 Bookcase, Moonlight Quest, Scenic Dancer, 14-1 Chatham Island, Prince Hannibal, 20-1 others.
1992: LANDOWNER 3-8-13 S Cauthen (7-4 fav) J Gosden 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

TEXAN TYCOON 2¾l 3rd of 16 to Asian Punter in Nottingham *(1m 6f, good)* handicap with PRINCE HANNIBAL 8l 11th. QUADRANT 1l 2nd of 9 to Bardolph in Lingfield (AW, 2m) handicap. BOOKCASE 11l 4th of 9 to Requested in Salisbury (1m 6f, firm) handicap. CHATHAM ISLAND 6½l 7th of 13 to Pay Homage in Kempton (1m, good) handicap. FIRST BID ½l 2nd of 13 to Ambiguously Regal in York (1m 4f, good to soft) handicap with SWORD MASTER (2lb better off) 2¼l 6th. MUNDAY DEAN very badly hampered when 3¾l 4th of 23 to Miss Pin Up in Kempton (1m 4f, good) handicap with KEEP ME IN MIND 7l 15th. JAMES IS SPECIAL ½l 3rd of 5 to Legion Of Honour in Haydock (1m 4f, good) handicap.
Selection: *MUNDAY DEAN*

3.10 KIDSONS IMPEY TROPHY HANDICAP (£5,089: 7f) (14 runners)

301 (10) 1034-53 EN ATTENDANT 17 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs B Newton) B Hanbury 5-9-10 ... B Raymond 97
302 (7) 30002-2 CAPE PIGEON 24 (CD,BF,F,S) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 8-9-7 ... J Weaver (3) 98
303 (13) 20624-0 HELIOS 31 (D,F) (Mrs C Penning) R Simpson 5-9-3 ... J Reid 94
304 (3) 086000- VAGANOVA 222 (D,G) (D Cochrane) R Akehurst 4-9-3 ... T Quinn –
305 (8) 215006- DIGPAST 208 (D,G) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 3-9-1 ... R Perham –
306 (2) 00/0-600 BUSTER 80 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 5-9-0 ... B Rouse 98
307 (14) 6001-56 *SURREY RACING 26 (D,F,G) (K Higson)* M Channon 6-8-11 ... *Pat Eddery* 94
308 (1) 020000 CHEVEUX MITCHELL 8 (V,D,F,G) (Chitty Ltd) M Channon 6-8-11 ... A McGlone 94
309 (5) 422/000 HALBERT 27 (G Greenwood) R Hannon 4-8-9 ... M Hills 96
310 (5) 0602-00 ACROSS THE BAY 12 (V,CD,F,G,S) *(J Redmond) S Dow 6-8-8* ... L Dettori 98
311 (11) 00000-0 ANNABELLE ROYALE 26 (D,F,G) (P Saunders) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-6 ... R P Elliott 99
312 (9) 055500- *THE CAN CAN MAN 44J (CD,F,G) (A Robinson) M Johnston 6-8-2* ... F Norton 99
313 (4) 464302 VELOCE 14 (D,F) (M Gonzalez) A Bailey 5-7-12 ... S O'Gorman 89
314 (12) *2504/0-0 HIGHEST PRAISE 20 (D,F,G,S) (M McMurrough) J Hills 10-7-11* ... S O'Gorman 89

BETTING: 9-2 Cape Pigeon, 6-1 En Attendant, 7-1 Veloce, 8-1 Across The Bay, Cheveux Mitchell, 10-1 Surrey Racing, 12-1 Helios, Vaganova, 16-1 Digpast, Halbert, 20-1 others.
1992: CAPE PIGEON 7-9-2 A Munro (9-1) *L Cottrell 15 ran*

FORM FOCUS

EN ATTENDANT 3l 3rd to Buzzards Bellbuoy in Doncaster (1m, good) handicap. CAPE PIGEON ¾l 2nd of 20 to *Mexican Dancer* in Windsor (1m 110yd, good to soft) claimer. SURREY RACING 6l 6th of 17 to Walking The Plank in Leicester (1m, good) handicap with ANNABELLE ROYALE 15l 13th. CHEVEUX MITCHELL 11l 7th of 20 to Nobby Barnes in Kempton (1m, good) handicap. THE CAN CAN MAN 4l last of 7 to Affordable in Redcar (7f, firm) *handicap*. VELOCE head 2nd to Cee-Jay-Ay in Chester (7f 122yd, good to firm) handicap.
Selection: EN ATTENDANT

3.40 IVORBELLE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,465: 1m 1f) (8 runners)

401 (3) 5- AJALAN 206 (Sultan Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 97
402 (6) 4-22 BOLD THATCHER *19 (BF)* (Independents) P Harris 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 99
403 (8) 25 MT TEMPLEMAN 21 (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 ... L Dettori 98
404 (5) 00-0 *POETIC FORM 10 (Trojan Racing) C Weedon 9-0* ... M Perrett –
405 (1) 03-0 THALEROS 21 (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 9-0 ... L Piggott 90
406 (7) 045- TICKERTY'S GIFT 219 (K Higson) R Hannon 9-0 ... B Rouse 86
407 (4) 0-0 TURTLE POWER 21 (Mrs C Humphrey) T Thomson Jones 9-0 ... D Biggs
408 (2) 465-3 HARD TASK 17 (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 8-9 ... T Quinn 86

BETTING: 11-4 Mt Templeman, 3-1 Bold Thatcher, 4-1 Ajalan, Thaleros, 8-1 Hard Task, 14-1 others.
1992: BOLOARDO 9-0 M Roberts (100-30) C Brittain 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

AJALAN 7l 5th of 8 to Anusha in Newbury (1m, soft) stakes race. BOLD THATCHER ½l 2nd of 8 to Clockcamie in Thirsk (7f, good) maiden. MT TEMPLEMAN 7l 5th of 20 to Wagon Master in Newmarket (1m, good) maiden with THALEROS 3l 7th. THALEROS 7¼l 3rd of 10 to Barahin in Newmarket (7f, good to firm) stakes race. TICKERTY'S GIFT 5¼l 5th of 15 to Gabr in Leicester (7f, good to soft) maiden. HARD TASK 5¾l 3rd of 9 to Princess Haifa in Warwick (1m, good to firm) maiden.
Selection: MT TEMPLEMAN

4.10 SIS LIVE ACTION CLAIMING STAKES (£3,903: 1m 2f) (20 runners)

501 (8) 812130- PHARLY STORY 17J (D,F,G,S) (A Lomas) M Pipe 5-9-11 ... L Piggott 99
502 (2) 232251/ CIRCUIT COURT 38J (G) (Andrews Freight) J Jenkins 5-9-8 ... S Whitworth –
503 (6) 52101-0 TEMPLE KNIGHT 15 (G) (S Wingfield Digby) C Cyzer 4-8-5 ... D Biggs 83
504 (7) 451321 STORM FREE 13 (D,G) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 7-9-4 ... J Weaver (3) 88
505 (14) 302250 DEBACLE 14 (G) (D Sasby) G Harwood 4-9-3 ... M Perrett 89
506 (11) 6843/13 *NATURAL LAD 24 (F,G) (R Hammond)* C Weedon 8-9-3 ... A Clark 72
507 (17) 422245 AWESOME POWER 13 (D,BF,G) (G Freyne) J Hills 7-9-1 ... D Harrison (3) 88
508 (13) 603080- *CLEAR LIGHT 313 (D,G) (S Bain) C Smith 5-9-1* ... *M Wigham* 85
509 (12) SHEER POWER 28J (J Stein) R Rowe 4-9-1 ... J Reid –
510 (9) 00 WESSEX WARRIOR 17 (V) (D Laing) D Laing 7-9-1 ... G Bardwell –
511 (16) 0230/00 MALINDI BAY 23 (Saracen Racing) B McMath 5-9-0 ... E Johnson –
512 (1) 30213-0 NOTED STRAIN 63 (G) (D Abler) P Makin 5-9-0 ... Pat Eddery 86
513 (15) 03605-3 OVERPOWER 8 (F,S) (M Bowring) M Tompkins 9-9-0 ... P Robinson 87
514 (18) 6 PRIVATE JET 40 (G Pasquill) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-8-13 ... T Williams 70
515 (5) 16 LOCK TIGHT 17 (D,S) (E Thomas) R Whitaker 3-8-10 ... A Culhane 75
516 (19) 02356-6 SARAH-CLARE 26 (D,G) (Miss C Coyne) R Akehurst 5-8-10 ... T Quinn 79
517 (20) 314-006 *DAZZLING FIRE 8 (G) (Felstead Racing Club Ltd) C C Elsey 4-8-9* ... W Newnes 84
518 (4) WOLLBOLL 8 (M Weaver) P Makin 3-8-7 ... T Sprake –
519 (19) *50-4330 HOSTILE WITNESS 12 (B,BF) (J Kenny)* R Hannon 3-8-4 ... A McGlone 84
520 (3) 0-003 ESERIE DE CORES 12 (Mrs S Gay) C Weedon 3-8-2 ... J Quinn 70

BETTING: 2-1 Pharly Story, 7-1 Sarah-Clare, Temple Knight, 8-1 Debacle, 10-1 Noted Strain, Storm Free, 12-1 Natural Lad, Overpower, 14-1 Hostile Witness, Lock Tight, 16-1 others.
1992: BLOCKADE 3-8-4 M Hills (3-1) M Bell 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PHARLY STORY beat Kinematic ¾l in 10-runner Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft) amateur riders' race. TEMPLE KNIGHT beat Simpl-H 2l in 10-runner Newmarket (1m 4f, good) claimer. STORM FREE beat No Submission 1l in 7-runner *Lingfield (AW,* 1m 2f) claimer with AWESOME POWER (1lb better *off) 1¼l 5th. DEBACLE best recent effort when 2l* 2nd of 16 to Sizal's Legacy in Lingfield (AW, 1m 5f) handicap. NATURAL LAD 2¾l 3rd of 20 to Mad-can Dancer in Windsor (1m 110yd, good to soft) claimer. NOTED STRAIN beat Mr Wishing Well ½l in 15-runner Southwell (AW, 1m 4f) claimer. OVERPOWER 3l 3rd of 20 to Nobby Barnes in Kempton (1m, good) apprentice handicap with DAZZLING FIRE (1lb worse off) 7l 6th. SARAH-CLARE 9l 6th of 18 to General Chase in Leicester (1m 2f, good) handicap.
Selection: OVERPOWER

4.45 GOODWOOD PARK HOTEL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,080: 6f) (10 runners)

601 (1) 0000-20 SOBER LAD 10 (BF,G) (F Viner) J Berry 9-7 ... Pat Eddery 88
602 (3) 61- *WALK THE BEAT 198 (S) (The Country Life Partnership) R Simpson 9-7* A Tucker 74
603 (6) 00 HARD ROCK MINER 12 (Coach House Racing) T McGovern 8-10 ... S Mulvey (7) –
604 (2) 0411-35 RED LEADER 23 (D,BF,G,S) (Generous Club) P Cole 8-7 ... T G McLaughlin (7) 99
605 (7) 5400-10 DAILY SPORT DON 23 (S) (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 8-6 ... D Gibbs (7) 95
606 (8) 040-050 TOFF SUNDAE 20 (S) (P Coleman) P McEntee 8-4 ... G Carter 80
607 (4) 000-660 KRAYYAN DAWN 14 (R Greatorex) R Voorspuy 8-2 ... S Dawson 77
608 (5) 000-000 INONDER 12 (T Barker) M Usher 7-11 ... N Adams –
609 (10) 60040-2 *PATONG BEACH 14 (T Newsome) J Hills 7-11* ... *D Harrison (3)* 96
610 (9) 020-503 TEXAS COWGIRL 14 (B) G Pritchard-Gordon 7-11 ... D Wright (7) 92

BETTING: 5-2 *Red Leader,* 7-2 Sober Lad, 5-1 Patong Beach, 6-1 Daily Sport Don, *Texas Cowgirl,* 8-1 Walk The Beat, 12-1 Toff Sundae, 25-1 Inonder, 33-1 Hard Rock Miner, Krayyan Dawn.
1992: LADY SABO 8-2 Paul Eddery (7-2) G Lewis 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOBER LAD 1¾l 2nd of 7 to Magic Orb in Sandown (5f, good to soft) handicap. WALK THE BEAT beat Styvan Starlight ¾l in 8-runner Edinburgh (5f, good to soft) maiden. RED LEADER 4l 5th of 11 to Air Command in Bath (5f, good) seller. DAILY SPORT DON beat Panther 2l in 4-runner Haydock (7f, soft) apprentices' handicap with RED LEADER *below par* 20l 3rd. PATONG BEACH 1l 2nd to Penfold in Brighton (7f, firm) claimer with KRAYYAN DAWN 12l 7th. TEXAS COWGIRL 2¾l 3rd to Saltarow in Brighton (6f, firm) handicap.
Selection: SOBER LAD

5.20 LEVIN DOWN APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,132: 5f) (17 runners)

1 (14) 211401 SERIOUS HURRY 13 (D,F,G) (R Bowden) C C Elsey 5-10-0 ... Stephen Davies 92
2 (2) 000-150 THE NOBLE OAK 13 (CD,F,G) M McCormack 5-9-12 ... Gina Faulkner (5) 90
3 (3) 0-33464 EVER SO LONELY 6 (D,F,G) (J Scott Furnishers Ltd) A Bailey 4-9-9 W Hollick (7) 98
4 (5) 052060 BUSHANES 3 (D,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 6-9-8 ... K Rutter 91
5 (8) 21306-0 SKI CAPTAIN 13 (CD,F,G,S) (A Bassett) P Howling 9-9-6 ... D Wright 88
6 (17) 323-2 *THE FED 54 (F Downes) R Whitaker 3-9-6* ... G Parkin (3) 90
7 (7) 006-300 JOE SUGDEN 13 (D,F,G,S) (P Dawes) P Howling 9-9-5 ... Debbie Biggs (5) 93
8 (1) 050035 TEE-EMM 7 (G) (R Camp) P Howling 3-9-1 ... L Carter (5) 90
9 (6) 305-200 COPPERMILL LAD 21 (CD,F,S) (L Holt) L Holt 10-8-13 ... Iona Wands (7) 93
10 (12) 505002 KALAR 8 (B,D,G) (E Stockdale) D Chapman 4-8-9 ... O Pears 98
11 (15) 40045-0 DANDY DESIRE 17 (G Whitaker) B Morgan 4-8-9 ... C Hodgson 93
12 (9) 16000-4 PAT POINDESTRES 12 (B) (J Daniels) M Dixon 3-8-5 ... N Gwilliams 94
13 (4) *0-00004 BARBEZIEUX 13 (CD,F,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 6-8-3* ... *D McCabe* 85
14 (13) 50060-6 GAYNOR GOODMAN 28 (T Hutchins) P Hedger 3-8-2 ... B Russell 85
15 (10) 440400- STOCKTINA 206 (D,G) (Mrs M Fairbairn) B Meehan 6-8-2 ... D Gibbs (3) 88
16 (16) 856660 WEALTHYWOO 31 (B,D,S) (Mrs C Rawson) H Collingridge 3-7-13 ... C Hawksley 85
17 (11) 0/00-000 DAL MISS 17 (B) (F Lloyd) R Peacock 6-7-7 ... A Garth –

Long handicap: Dal Miss 7-1.
BETTING: 5-1 Serious Hurry, 6-1 Kalar, The Fed, 8-1 Ever So Lonely, The Noble Oak, 10-1 Barbezieux, Bushanes, 12-1 Coppermill Lad, Tee-Em, 14-1 Ski Captain, Stocktina, 16-1 others.
1992: FIVESEVENFIVEO 4-8-10 T Sprake (11-1) R Hodges 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SERIOUS HURRY beat Florac 1l in 13-runner Lingfield (5f, good to firm) handicap with THE NOBLE OAK (9lb better off) 3½l 9th, JOE SUGDEN 12th and SKI CAPTAIN 13th. THE FED 1½l 2nd of 9 to Trioming in Warwick (5f, firm) maiden. COPPERMILL LAD 1l 2nd of 5 to Harry's Coming *in Folkestone (5f, soft)* claimer. KALAR 1½l 2nd of 20 to So Superb in Thirsk (5f, soft) handicap with EVER SO LONELY (4lb worse off) 1¾l 4th. BARBEZIEUX 4l 4th of 14 to Miss Aragon in Carlisle (6f, good) handicap. PAT POINDESTRES 4¼l 4th of 14 to Hallorina in Bath (5f 69yd, firm) handicap.
Selection: BARBEZIEUX

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
T Casey	5	14	35.7	M Hills	18	87	20.7
A Hide	3	11	27.3	Pat Eddery	42	209	20.1
D Wilson	7	33	21.2	J Reid	28	158	17.7
H Collingridge	4	20	20	L Dettori	19	117	16.2
M Stoute	15	77	19.5	B Raymond	11	70	15.7
P Cole	14	72	19.4	T Sprake	4	29	13.8

EXETER

THUNDERER
2.50 Will She Wont She. 3.20 Rafiki. 3.50 On The Sauce. 4.20 Skipping Tim. 4.50 Green Island. 5.20 Chelworth Raider.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.50 LAPFORD NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,745: 2m 2f) (14 runners)

1 0110 SPORT OF FOOLS 7 (G,S) W Reed 4-11-4 ... N Hawke
2 0SP0 CARLINGFORD LIGHTS 22 D O'Neill 5-11-2 ... G McCourt
3 -SP3 LIBERTY JAMES 16 Mrs E Brooks 6-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs
4 *P-0 ROVING VAGABOND 7 S Young 9-11-2* ... *Mr I Hambly*
5 /05 ROY'S HILL 40 Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-2 ... B de Haan
6 P044 TAILSPIN 8 (B) Mrs J Scrivens 8-11-2 ... M Foster
7 041 JUST ROSIE 18 (F) A Tamell 4-10-12 ... S McNeill
8 501P KALAMOSS 13 (F) N Mitchell 4-10-12 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
9 *004U BOLT OF GOLD 17 L Waring 5-10-11* ... J A Harris
10 0624 DAVES DELIGHT 22 Miss S Waterman 7-10-11 Mr C Bonner (7)
11 10F5 ESS EL AR 22 (BF,G) M Pipe 5-10-11 ... R Dunwoody
12 HIGHWAY LIGHT 22 R Hodges 6-10-11 ... W Irvine
13 5P- MISS MELBURY 588 D Jenny 8-10-11 ... J Neaves (7)
14 *B4P2 WILL SHE WONT SHE 7 R Frost 7-10-11* ... *J Frost*

11-8 Just Rosie, 9-2 Ess El Ar, 5-1 Will She Wont She, 7-1 Sport Of Fools, Roy's Hill, 14-1 Daves Delight, 20-1 others.

3.20 DAWLISH NOVICES CHASE
(£2,188: 2m 2f) (9)

1 F21F WICK POUND 6 (B,G,S) J Old 7-12-0 ... C Llewellyn
2 6161 POLDER 16 (F,G) D Williams 7-11-10 ... R Davis (5)
3 3U23 RAFIKI 12 (S) Mrs J Retter 8-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 4321 STARLAP 9 (F) R Hodges 9-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
5 3P60 ARCTICFLOW 34 (B) N Thomson 8-11-4 ... J Neaves (7)
6 PF05 GALAGAMES 8 (G) R Buckler 6-11-4 ... Mr C Bonner (7)
7 2640 SANDHURST PARK 38 (B,G,S) K Clutterbuck 8-11-4 G McCourt
8 0030 DARING CLASS 8 (F) P Rodford 7-10-13 ... I Shoemark
9 U THE KIMBLER 7 B Young 5-10-12 ... Miss S Young (7)

6-4 Wick Pound, 5-2 Rafiki, 4-1 Starlap, 7-1 Polder, 14-1 Galagames, 16-1 Sandhurst Park, Daring Class, 50-1 Arcticflow, *The Kimbler*

3.50 CHUDLEIGH NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,753: 2m 3f 110yd) (17)

1 *F515 VISION OF FREEDOM 7 (B) W Reed 5-12-0* ... *N Hawke*
2 33F1 KILLULA CHIEF 5 (B,G) K Bailey 6-11-12 ... J Railton
3 00SP DERRYMOSS 17 (B) M Pipe 7-11-8 ... D Richmond (5)
4 P0SP SHERWOOD FOX 17 (B) Mrs J Wonnacott 6-11-8 ... Mrs C Wonnacott
5 *0452 CANDLE GLOW 16 Mrs F Walwyn 5-11-7* ... *B de Haan*
6 3161 ON THE SAUCE 17 (B,C,F,S) M Pipe 6-11-5 ... R Dunwoody
7 52F0 KEY DEAR 27 (F) P Nicholls 6-11-4 ... G Bradley
8 -8 BILLY LOMOND 7 P Hobbs 5-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs
9 F0- FROGNAL 450 R Buckler 6-11-0 ... Mr C Bonner (7)
10 *4243 GREAT IMPOSTOR 7 R Hodges 5-11-0* ... *H Davies*
11 000U ORDER OF MERIT 7 S Turton 8-11-0 ... G Upton
12 *4134 SPINNING STEEL 13 (F) Martyn Meade 6-11-0* ... *G McCourt*
13 0P00 DEXTEROUS LADY 43 (C,F) C James 7-10-11 ... S McNeill
14 *PF MR PIPKIN 16 R Hodges 7-10-10* ... W Irvine
15 U/F SPERRIN VIEW 8 (B) J Simmons 7-10-9 ... K Comerford (7)
16 0 NOW BOARDING 89 Mrs J Wonnacott 6-10-5 ... Miss A Turner
17 *P0PP SUKEY TAWDRY 12 (B) R Bennett 7-10-5* ... *W Elderfield*

2-1 Killula Chief, 5-2 On The Sauce, 8-1 Spinning Steel, 10-1 Vision Of Freedom, 12-1 Candle Glow, *Key Dear, Billy Lomond, 14-1 Great Impostor, 16-1 others.*

4.20 WHIDDON DOWN CLAIMING CHASE
(£2,671: 2m 7f 110yd) (14)

1 R33R CERTAIN STYLE 28 (F,G,S) J Old 10-12-0 ... C Llewellyn
2 1101 SKIPPING TIM 5 (C,F,G,S) M Pipe 14-12-0 ... R Dunwoody
3 50/5 SPIRITED HOLME 5 (C,F,G) D Williams 8-11-6 ... R Davis (5)
4 105R THE LEGGETT 7 (B,C,F,G,S) M Pipe 10-11-6 ... M Foster
5 14/P THE MIGELSTAN 22 (F,G,S) P Hedger 12-11-6 D O'Sullivan (3)
6 54-6 BEERA QUEST 17 (C,F) S Hoon 14-10-12 ... Mrs C Wonnacott
7 RP60 BLACK HORSE LAD 20 (S) Mrs J Retter 9-10-12 M A Fitzgerald
8 354F GREY TORNADO 9 (F,G) Mrs S Williams 12-10-12 ... S McNeill
9 *0P43 K C'S DANCER 38 R Dickie 8-10-12* ... *G McCourt*
10 4565 PAMPERING 19 (B,G,S) Martyn Meade 12-10-12 ... J Railton
11 1055 THATS THE BUSINESS 12 (V,F) G Balding 9-10-12 ... A Maguire
12 6463 BLUECHIPENTERPRISE 13 (B,C,F) A Cottrell 7-10-11 ... D Salter (7)
13 3308 TAMBER LASS R Frost 12-10-11 ... R Darke (7)
14 35P4 BARTONDALE 17 (F) J Bradley 8-10-7 ... R Farrant (5)

4-5 Skipping Tim, 6-1 Thats The Business, 7-1 The Leggett, 8-1 Certain Style, 10-1 The Migelstan, 14-1 K C's Dancer, 16-1 Grey Tornado, 20-1 others.

4.50 TOPSHAM HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,028: 2m 2f) (8)

1 2112 NORTHERN JINKS 23 (G,S) R Dickin 10-12-0 ... D Meredith (3)
2 4-30 *SPACIAL 27 (F,G,S) N Gaselee 9-11-12* ... C Llewellyn
3 1113 CHIP AND RUN 34 (F,G) Mrs J Retter 7-11-7 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 1121 GREEN ISLAND 22 (CD,F,G) A Dunn 7-11-7 ... Peter Hobbs
5 3565 DRIVING FORCE 17 (C,F,G,S) Mrs M McCourt 7-11-3 G McCourt
6 2PPP CHANCERY BUCK 19 (F,G) R Frost 10-10-11 ... J Frost
7 *2U62 TOUCHING STAR 9 (B,C,BF,F,G) P Hobbs 8-10-6 M Hourigan (3)*
8 0PP5 FREE EXPRESSION 18 Mrs E Brooks 8-10-0 ... N Hawke

5-2 Northern Jinks, 3-1 Green Island, 7-2 Chip And Run, 11-2 Touching Star, 8-1 Driving Force, 12-1 Spacial, 16-1 Chancery Buck, 50-1 Free Expression.

5.25 SIDMOUTH HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,137: 2m 3f 110yd) (13)

1 4310 SABAKI RIVER 17 (G,S) Mrs J Retter 9-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 14F0 DOC'S COAT 6 (C,F,G,S) C Wildman 8-11-3 ... C Llewellyn
3 6112 DEXTRA DOVE 29 (F,G,S) P Hobbs 6-11-1 ... S Earle
4 1P51 GRAND FRERE 13 (F,G,S) M Pipe 7-10-11 ... R Dunwoody
5 15P4 OLVESTON 36 (F,G,S) P Nicholls 9-10-11 ... G Bradley
6 1612 ASK THE GOVERNOR 7 (F,G,S,BF) G Balding 7-10-9 A Maguire
7 11P4 MARIOLINO 17 (D,F,G,S) P Leach 6-10-4 ... D Salter (7)
8 0023 MIDNIGHT STRIKE 7 (B,C,F,S) M Williams 9-10-3 ... N Mann
9 *6/1- MR FLUTTS 615 (F) J Tuck 7-10-0* ... S McNeill
10 0202 CHELWORTH RAIDER 17 (F,G) J Spearing 7-10-0 ... H Davies
11 *4P20 DOMINION TREASURE 12 (G,S) R Baker 8-10-0* ... V Slattery (3)
12 P046 HAMPER 9 (G,S) N Mitchell 10-10-0 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
13 604- CARBON LADY 363 (F) R Bennett 8-10-0 ... W Elderfield

3-1 Grand Frere, 7-2 Dextra Dove, 5-1 Chelworth Raider, 11-2 Ask The Governor, 7-1 Sabaki River, 10-1 Mariolino, 12-1 Olveston, Midnight Strike, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 107 winners from 267 runners, 40.1%; C James, *4 from 13, 30.8%; A Dunn, 3 from 10, 30%;* K Bailey, 3 from 10, 30%; Mrs F Walwyn, 4 from 14, 28.6%; G Balding, 24 from 91, 26.4%.
JOCKEYS: *M Foster, 12 winners from 38 rides, 31.6%;* G Bradley, 5 from 24, 25%; G McCourt, 8 from 35, 22.9%; M Hourigan, 3 from 15, 20%; Peter Hobbs, 17 from 97, 17.5%; R Dunwoody, 10 from 62, 16.1%.

☐ Port Lucaya, trained by Richard Hannon and ridden by Frankie Dettori, won the listed Preis der Hotellerie Baden Baden yesterday. The other English *raider, King Paris, could* finish only fifth of the ten runners. At Longchamp today, the Paul Cole-trained Fret faces eight the group three Prix La Force.

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER
6.15 Lingham *Magic.* 6.45 Dark Dawn. 7.15 Once Stung. 7.45 Rhu Na Haven. 8.15 West Street. 8.45 Ellerton Hill.

Brian Beel: 6.15 Happy Higgins. 6.45 Dark Dawn. 7.15 Once Stung. 7.45 The Waltzing Mouse. 8.15 *Crazy River.* 8.45 Ellerton Hill.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.15 TAMWORTH HEART & HANDS MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,186: 2m 5f) (14 runners)

1 ABITMORFUN S Brookshaw 7-12-5 ... S Brookshaw (5)
2 FF/ ARCTIC PADDY 784 Miss C Saunders 10-12-5 ... R Russell (5)
3 CELTIC WILLIAM Mrs J Skelton 10-12-5 ... S Blackwell (7)
4 350/ HAPPY HIGGINS 1118 R Aston 9-12-5 ... J Barlow (7)
5 00P/ KILFORD 719 P Phillips 13-12-5 ... A Steel (7)
6 /05/ LADDIE BALLINGER 1477 P Bonsford 11-12-5 ... M Harris (7)
7 333- PAMELA'S LAD 817 M Lloyd 7-12-5 ... G Hanmer (7)
8 *0/ PARK DRIFT 1100 G Thomson 7-12-5* ... Mrs F Needham (7)
9 QUICK AFFAIR W Tolhurst 8-12-5 ... S Cowell (7)
10 /0-6 TRAVISTOWN 7 Mrs J Hawkins 11-12-5 ... Mrs J Hawkins (7)
11 05P/ DECANNA 1455F Miss P Whittle 8-12-0 ... G Barfoot-Saunt (7)
12 P00/ GALLIC BELLE 1161 B Hughes 7-12-0 ... V Hughes (7)
13 62P4 LINGHAM MAGIC 14 J Swiers 8-12-0 ... S Swiers
14 TAMARA'S GIFT Mrs D Cope 8-12-0 ... M Cope (7)

4-1 Arctic Paddy, 5-1 Lingham Magic, 6-1 Happy Higgins, 9-1 Pamela's Lad, Abitmorfun, Quick Affair, 12-1 Travistown, Laddie Ballinger, 14-1 others.

6.45 LADY LICHFIELD OPEN HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,313: 2m 7f) (15)

1 2P61 CURAHEEN BOY 8 (F,G) C Trietline 13-12-7 ... Miss J Butler (7)
2 2101 DARK DAWN 27 (G,S) P Cheesbrough 9-12-7 ... J Greenall
3 PPPF DUNCAN 15 (F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 8-12-7 ... A Sansome (7)
4 U5-2 AIR BROKER 9 (F,G,S) Mrs S Clarke 12-12-0 ... C Newport (7)
5 *-44U BASIL THYME 51 (C,F,S) Miss P Whittle 13-12-0* ... G Barfoot-Saunt (7)
6 4-33 JOHN CORBET 61 (C,BF,F) Mrs J Brown 10-12-0 S Andrews (3)
7 F-FP KINGS WILD 12 (F) A Jones 13-12-0 ... C Vigors (7)
8 PP2- LAST EXTRAVAGANCE 385 (B) H Wellstead 12-12-0 ... *G Wheeler (7)*
9 33P2 LOCAL CUSTOMER 5 (F) P Bradley 6-12-0 ... B Leavy (7)
10 050- MATRIC 430 (G,S) *D Ingle* 12-12-0 ... D Ingle (7)
11 31-P MISTER BUTLER 99 (F,G) G Bagbrough 14-12-0 ... N Dalrymple (7)
12 *PPP- MOUNT FALCON 489 (F,S) R Griffiths 11-12-0* ... S Griffiths (7)
13 0-34 *MYROSS 243 (F,G) M Pepper 9-12-0* ... S Morrison (7)
14 4P5P SKERRY MEADOW 7 (F,G) D Carter 9-12-0 ... I Widdicombe (7)
15 42-5 TREYFORD 100 (F,G,S) A Steel 13-12-0 ... A Steel (7)

4-9 Dark Dawn, 6-1 Treyford, 9-1 Curaheen Boy, Local Customer, 14-1 Duncan, John Corbet, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: No qualifiers.
JOCKEYS: J Greenall, 3 winners from 5 rides, 60%; S Brookshaw, 4 *from 10, 40%. (Only qualifiers)*

7.15 MARSTON'S PEDIGREE OPEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,887: 3m 2f) (9) SKY

1 1311 ONCE STUNG 22 (CD,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 7-12-7 ... J Greenall
2 5302 BARTRES 19 (F,G,S) D Murray-Smith 14-12-3 ... J Durkan (3)
3 3235 CRAFTY COPPER 15 (C,G,S) P Bradley 9-12-3 ... B Leavy (7)
4 F5-2 BLUE DANUBE 15 (F,S) S Allen 9-12-0 ... J Trice-Rolph (7)
5 34-2 DAMERS TREASURE 12 B Summers 7-12-0 ... N Bradley (7)
6 45-5 GITCHE GUMME 65 Mrs T Kinsey 12-12-0 ... C Taylor (7)
7 -3PP HOPE DIAMOND 40 (B,C,S) C Trietline 10-12-0 ... A Hill (5)
8 0-P3 LEAGAUNE 40 (S) T Casey 11-12-0 ... A Sansome (7)
9 -552 WHICH WAY NOW 9 (G) Mrs S Clarke 12-12-0 ... C Newport (7)

1-2 Once Stung, 6-1 Crafty Copper, 8-1 Blue Danube, 12-1 Bartres, 14-1 Leagaune, 20-1 others.

7.45 RACING POST MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,049: 3m 2f) (8) SKY

1 2-54 CAWKWELL TOM 38 C Stamp 9-12-5 ... S Andrews (3)
2 4/0- CZERMINO 465 M Lloyd 10-12-5 ... G Hanmer (7)
3 3553 RHU NA HAVEN 5 R Aston 9-12-5 ... C Barlow (7)
4 F2RP ROYAL APPROVAL 50 S Blyth 10-12-5 ... B Crawford (7)
5 */UP- RUN WEST 427 Mrs M Rebori 12-12-5* ... A Rebori (7)
6 50-0 TARA BOY 5 W Francis 8-12-5 ... D Barlow (7)
7 04 THE WALTZING MOUSE 13 Miss E Powell 10-12-5 D Esden (7)
8 00U OH MOTHER 1156 R Tate 8-12-0 ... Mrs F Needham (7)

5-2 Royal Approval, 7-2 Rhu Na Haven, 4-1 Cawkwell Tom, 5-1 Czermino, 6-1 The Waltzing Mouse, 10-1 Oh Mother, 16-1 Run West, 20-1 others.

8.15 PETER SMITH SPORTS CARS NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,166: 2m 5f) (10) SKY

1 5-41 BEECH GROVE 15 (F,S) Miss C Gordon 12-12-7 ... M Felton (7)
2 2-1 WEST STREET 12 (F) R Mathias 9-12-7 ... C Hancock (7)
3 R3/3 BEE-KAY-ESS 15 R Savery 10-12-0 ... N Harris (7)
4 P20- CRAZY RIVER 380 (B,F,G) D McCarthy 6-12-0 ... T McCarthy (7)
5 *0F0- EPILENY 483 Miss P Whittle 8-12-0* ... G Barfoot-Saunt (7)
6 3-3P MIDNIGHT ZEBEE 13 (B) R Green 12-12-0 ... K Green (7)
7 P0-P MR KIRBY 15 (S) A Jones 11-12-0 ... C Vigors (7)
8 6/3- STRAIGHT BAT 376 J Collen 10-12-0 ... Miss S Sadler (7)
9 TBILISI M Mullineaux 6-12-0 ... D Barlow (7)
10 *MYSTIC MARTINET Mrs E Wilson 7-11-9* ... J Barlow (7)

2-1 Beech Grove, 5-2 West Street, 3-1 Crazy River, 7-1 Epileny, 10-1 Straight Bat, 20-1 others.

8.45 BRADSHAW HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,089: 3m 2f) (6) SKY

1 U-11 ALPHA ONE 73 (F,S) Miss C Saunders 8-12-7 ... J Greenall
2 1121 ELLERTON HILL 13 (F,G) Mrs Jean Brown 10-12-7 ... S Swiers
3 -226 MOUNT ARGUS 48 (CD,F,G,S) S Brookshaw 11-12-7 ... S Brookshaw (5)
4 CAWKWELL DEAN C Stamp 7-12-0 ... S Andrews (3)
5 /1 ROBINS CHOICE 8 (F) R Tate 9-12-0 ... Mrs F Needham (7)
6 PP/0 TRUE HOLLOW 12 Mrs P Pile 11-12-0 ... Mr S Pile (7)

Evens Ellerton Hill, 5-4 Mount Argus, 12-1 Robins Choice, 16-1 Alpha One, 20-1 Cawkwell Dean, 50-1 True Hollow

☐ Sky Sports begins a twice-weekly live racing programme tonight featuring four races from Uttoxeter. The abandoned meeting at Perth was also scheduled for coverage.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to firm

2.10 *(1m 4f)* 1, Lunar Risk *(W Ryan, 7-4)*; 2, Sparky's Song (8-11 fav); 3, Will Hyde (7-1). 3 ran. NR: Tropical Jungle. Nk, 20l. W Muir. Tote: £3.00. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.17. 2min 47.87sec.

2.40 (6f) 1, Castleras Lad (W Ryan, 7-1); 2, Masnun (9-2 fav); 3, Aughfad (12-1). 13 ran. ¾l, sh hd. R Hollinshead. Tote: £7.20; £2.20, £1.50, £3.80. DF: £21.20. Trio: £57.00. CSF: £36.65. Tricast: £345.99. 1min 11.56sec.

3.10 (1m 2f) 1, Gisarne (W Carson, 3-1); 2, Yawl (9-4 fav); 3, Seasonal Splendour (20-1). 7 ran. Hd, 3½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £2.10. DF: £3.30. CSF: £9.75. 2min 10.15sec.

3.40 (1m 6f) 1, Castle Courageous (J Reid, 3-1 fav); 2, Durshan (11-2); 3, Mull House (4-1). 7 ran. 3l, 3l. Lady Herries. Tote: £3.80; £2.00, £2.20. DF: £8.10. CSF: £17.81. 3min 4.17sec.

4.10 (1m) 1, Kingchip Boy (D Biggs, 14-1); 2, Trooping (8-1 jt-fav); 3, Daswaki (12-1); 4, Court Minstrel (14-1). Nobby Barnes 8-1 jt-fav. 17 ran. Sh hd, nk. M Ryan. Tote: £11.30; £1.60, £2.10, £3.30, £4.60. DF: £76.60. Trio: £119.50. CSF: £90.94. Tricast: £956.94. *1min 40.10sec. After a stewards' enquiry,* result stood.

4.45 (5f) 1, Zuno Star (Paul Eddery, 20-1); 2, Timely Example (7-1); 3, Shepherd Market (10-1). Green Golightly 9-2 jt-fav. 14 ran. ¾l, ¾l. G Lewis. *Tote:* £20.80; £3.20, £2.30, £2.40. DF: £69.20. Trio: £185.80. CSF: £148.08. 1min 13.45sec.

5.20 (7f) 1, Patonella (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Barbouth (4-1); 3, Akhlak (16-1). Chapka 13-8 fav. 11 ran. 1l, sh hd. R Hannon. Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £1.90, £3.70. DF: £4.70. Trio: £38.50. CSF: £18.33. 1min 28.78sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £22,104.63 carried forward to Goodwood today).
Placepot: £640.70.

Nottingham

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.20 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Klawah (N Varley, 16-1); 2, Buglet (8-1); 3, Kismetim (10-1); 4, Who's The Best (5-1). Gypsy Crystal 4-1 fav. 21 ran. ¾l, 2½l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £23.80; £7.90, £1.10, £4.50, £4.00. DF: £48.40. CSF: £146.13. Tricast: £1,259.91. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.50 *(1m 6f 15yd)* 1, Paper Days (N Adams, 10-1); 2, Harlestone Brook (6-4 fav); 3, Romalito (12-1). 12 ran. Hd, 3½l. P Murphy. Tote: £10.90; £2.00, £1.10, £2.80. DF: £9.10. CSF: £27.41. Tricast: £189.94.

3.20 *(5f 13yd)* 1, Grotto Pool (G Duffield, 4-9 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Johnnie The Joker (10-1); 3, Ellaruth (12-1). 12 ran. NR: Captain Carat, Tinker Osmaston. 3l, hd. J Toller. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £3.20. CSF: £6.10.

3.50 (5f 13yd) 1, Victoria Hall (G Carter, 5-2); 2, Ballet Shoes (5-4 fav); 3, Russia With Love (14-1). 10 ran. 1¾l, 1½l. W G M Turner. Tote: £4.90; £1.40, £1.10, £5.30. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.17.

4.20 (6f 15yd) 1, Hotaria (A Culhane, 11-2); 2, Tuscan Dawn (6-1); 3, Ashgore (7-1). Red Fan 3-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Southern Memories. 1¾l, sh hd. R Whitaker. Tote: £3.40; £1.30, £2.10, £3.10. DF: £21.10. CSF: £37.48. Tricast: £217.90.

4.50 (1m 54yd) 1, Lady Donoghue (Wendy Jones, 5-1 fav); 2, Sooty Tern (8-1); 3, Self Expression (12-1); 4, Sky Prospect (20-1). 18 ran. 4l, 1½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £5.30; £1.80, £2.10, £3.60, £5.00. DF: £43.30. CSF: £43.82. Tricast: £430.70.
Placepot: £34.50.

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2.30 (2m hdle) 1, Hello Mam (M Brennan, 15-2); 2, Miss Equilla (15-8 fav); 3, Show The Flag (7-2). 18 ran. NR: Aman View, Cobb Gate. 1¾l, 10l. O Brennan. Tote: £7.40; £1.80, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £7.80. CSF: £21.31.

3.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Irish Velvet (J Frost, 25-1); 2, Extra Grand (9-4); 3, Obie's Train (13-8 fav). 7 ran. NR: Romful Prince. ¾l, 12l. R Frost. Tote: £23.80; £3.40, £2.40. DF: £17.40. CSF: £77.56.

3.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Wings Of Freedom (J Osborne, 3-1); 2, Castle Diamond (10-1); 3, Ling (16-1). Mayfair Minx 2-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Pactolus. 1¾l, 1¾l. J Jenkins. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £2.40, £2.30. DF: £19.70. CSF: £31.71. Tricast: £387.35.

4.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Copper Mine (J Osborne, 11-8 fav); 2, Comedy Road (10-1); 3, Stepfaster (3-1). 7 ran. 3½l, 6l. O Sherwood. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £2.60. DF: £16.30. CSF: £13.69.

4.30 (2m 7f ch) 1, Assaglawi (Miss A Dare, 5-4 fav); 2, Bargain And Sale (33-1); 3, Betty Hayes (13-2). 11 ran. 2l, ½l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £7.30, £1.80. DF: £82.40. CSF: £35.25.

5.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Elite Reg (R Dunwoody, 2-1 fav); 2, Marsh's Law (7-2); 3, Singing Detective (14-1). 10 ran. NR: Be My Habitat, Tronchetto. 15l, 2½l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.40; £1.20, £2.40, £3.20. DF: £8.20. CSF: £9.80. Tricast: £72.49.
Placepot: £29.00.

Fatherland recovering from scare

FATHERLAND, the intended Derby mount of Lester Piggott, was yesterday recovering from a minor injury scare. The Irish-trained colt, third favourite for the Epsom *classic, has* a foot abcess *and* will be unable to work for the rest of the week.

Vincent O'Brien, his trainer, said: "The abcess developed on Monday. It is only small and I am hopeful it will not seriously threaten his preparation." Piggott yesterday indicated that Fatherland would be his big-race mount in preference to Geisway, on *whom he won the AR Dennis* Predominate Stakes at Goodwood.

Fatherland, a 10-1 shot for the Derby with Ladbrokes, was one of 28 acceptors at yesterday's forfeit stage.

Piggott's IAWS Irish 1,000 Guineas mount, Danse Royale, was yesterday reinstated as the winner of the Derrinstown Stud 1,000 Guineas trial, having been disqualified by the Leopardstown stewards *on the day of the race.*

She is a half-sister to the Budweiser Irish Derby winner Salsabil, and was retained by her breeder, Miss Pat O'Kelly, *after Salsabil had* become the first filly to win the Irish Derby in 90 years.

Zarani Sidi Anna was cut to 7-2 favourite for the Irish 1,000 Guineas by Ladbrokes yesterday. Ajfan and Felawnah remain at 4-1.

☐ *Coeur Battant* was inadvertently included among the Derby acceptors, Weatherbys said yesterday.

Perth card abandoned

TODAY'S meeting at Perth was abandoned due to waterlogging.

Heavy rain earlier in the week left parts *of the course* under water, and the stewards were forced to call off the meeting after an inspection yesterday morning.

The number of National Hunt abandonments this season is now 48.

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Francis and Graham unwilling to predict more entertaining match after dull first encounter

Replay offers finalists chance of redemption



Rob Hughes on the need for the teams at Wembley to produce a Cup Final worthy of the occasion

COULD this be redemption day? After the dullest FA Cup final in memory, Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday must dispense with tired excuses if they are to spare themselves, and spare us, the spurious ending of the Cup finishing on a penalty shoot-out.

It has never come to this. It has the stark connotation of Russian roulette. But if they do once more murder the game, some of us might favour a bullet for the pretenders besmirching a sporting tradition.

However, we should go to Wembley in the spirit of an act of faith. We should be optimistic, should believe that somehow the game will rejuvenate itself.

George Graham had spelt out his curmudgeonly intent before reaching Wembley. Graham, the second most successful Arsenal manager in history, said: "In modern football you can't afford too many players who are not prepared to work."

After Saturday, Arsenal and Wednesday should be told in equal measure that there is a limit to how much the audience will pay to watch workers not prepared to show talent, not willing to improvise or to suggest that beneath the industry beats the heart of a game.

Do we ask too much? These, after all, are the 1990s, when sport is liberally sugared with mercenaries. Graham considered us foolish even to expect attractive football. How many Cup Finals since the war, he asked, had been attractive? He thought maybe six, and he cautioned: "I'm hoping that the replay will be more entertaining, but I wouldn't bank on it." And, adding that Arsenal's main concern was to win, he predicted a match just as tight as Saturday's.

Trevor Francis did, at least, sound more encouraging, but, like Graham, he felt the press had been too condemning of the first final. "Everything in this country is black or white," Francis said, and, heavy with irony, he added: "Chris Waddle can't play an average game. He is absolutely magnificent or absolutely useless."

Nobody suggested either extreme last Saturday, but the Wednesday manager felt that his team had tried to make the game flow and Arsenal's resolution made them difficult to play against. "If you get a team managed by Ron Atkinson, Brian Clough or Alex Ferguson against us, you might get a classic," Francis said. "But Arsenal do it their way, and you can't blame George Graham because it's very effective and very successful."

Should Arsenal confirm today that Ray Parlour is dropped, and Alan Smith is included, Graham might at least alter the shape of Arsenal's game, using a 3-5-2 formation, allowing the full backs, Lee Dixon and Nigel Winterburn, to generate pace down the flanks.

The talk on Saturday was all about inhuman toil, and Roland Nilsson calmly announced he would play two games in two days. Perhaps because he is foreign, possibly because he engages the brain before charging upfield, Nilsson seemed less fatigued than most at the final whistle on Saturday. He took the breath away by suggesting he could captain Sweden in the World Cup against Austria yesterday and play at right back in the Cup replay today.

But Francis, at 39 a decade older than Nilsson but reluctant to hand in his own player's licence, backed the player. He agreed to pay £8,000 for an executive jet to return Nilsson from Gothenburg to Wembley.

Does this suggest that fatigue is partly in the mind? Francis, his assistant, Richie Barker, and Nilsson will leave until the final hour the decision that ultimately becomes one of trust. Francis must trust that desire will not cloud Nilsson's judgment about his stamina.

But it is no different, in its way, to the kind of judgments both managers make on the frailty of key players. Francis must take advice and decide whether Peter Shirtliff (calf strain) or Viv Anderson (knee ligament) are ready for 90, possibly 120, minutes. Equally, Graham must gamble that the groin injury that persistently troubles Tony Adams, and Ian Wright's broken toe, which will again need a pain-killing injection, can withstand this replay.

These are wear-and-tear injuries to be expected of clubs playing their 63rd and 59th games in a ten-month season. But before we feel too sympathetic, too ready to excuse these worn athletes, think of the photographs contained in the original FA Cup programme.

One featured Ray Kennedy, the former Arsenal forward who has Parkinson's Disease. Another was of Michael Watson, an Arsenal supporter through and through, who is never likely to recover fully from the brain-damaging blows of his more fearful boxing trade.

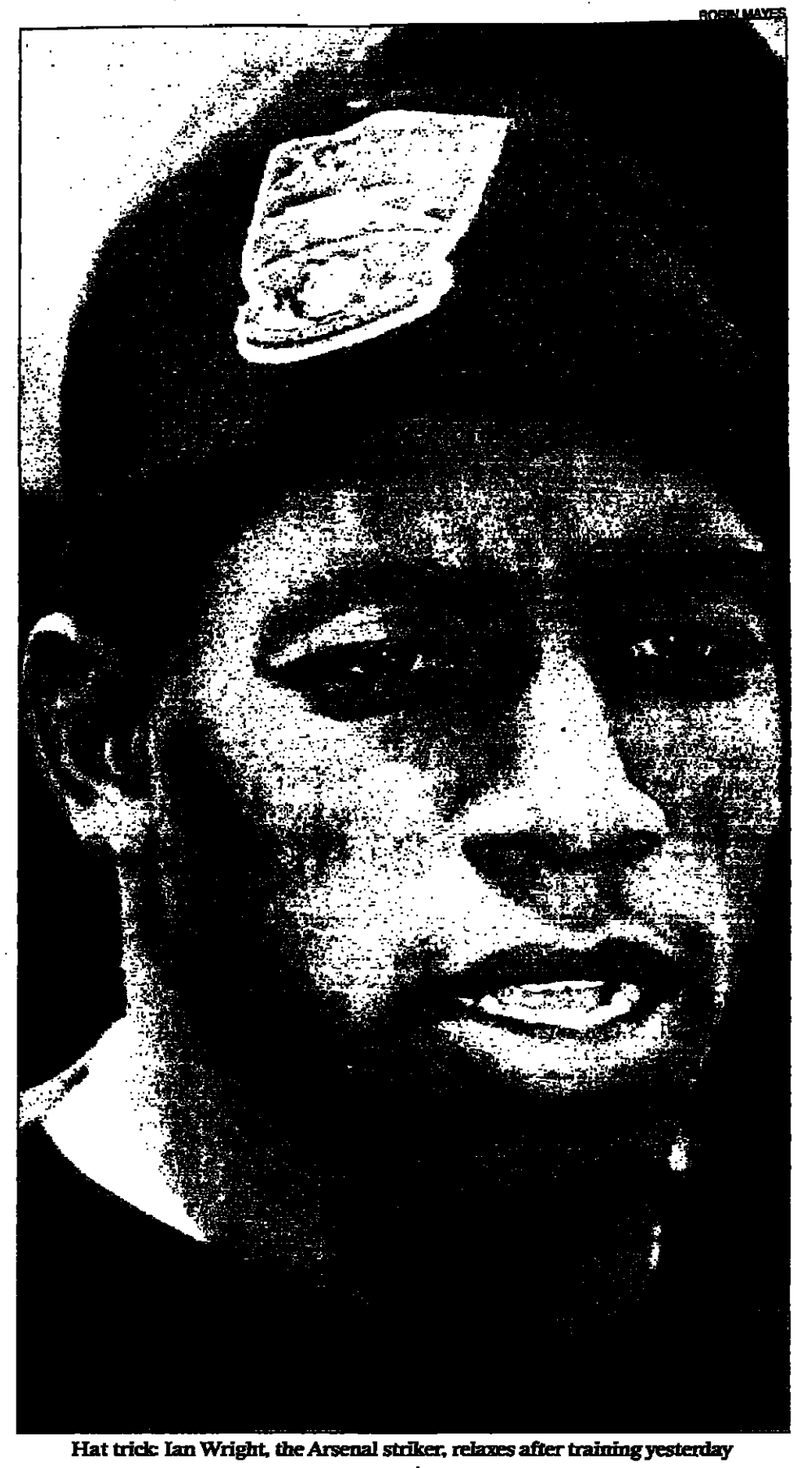
They, sportsmen past, put a perspective on the willingness or otherwise of tonight's combatants to open their minds and perform for us. The game badly needs one camp or the other to release Waddle or Merson, to flourish on the wings, to give us moments of wizardry that would make this an acceptable, even exciting, aftermath to boredom.

But I hope that David O'Leary comes off the substitutes' bench to make his twelfth and final Wembley appearance in Arsenal colours. Already enriched by 22,117 supporters prepared to turn out and pay £150,000 for his testimonial on Monday, O'Leary leaves Arsenal after tonight, possibly for West Ham United.

But, having joined Arsenal as a schoolboy 20 years ago, leaving them as a father of two, his legacy is 721 performances, and all manner of records, none of them mercenary.

There are still one or two men prepared to treat this business as a game, men to whom the rewards of loyalty have graced football and deserve at least a walk-on part tonight.

ROBIN MAYES



Hat trick: Ian Wright, the Arsenal striker, relaxes after training yesterday

WEMBLEY TEAMS

ARSENAL	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
D Seaman	C Woods
L Dixon	R Nilsson or J Harkes
A Linighan	V Anderson
T Adams	P Shirtliff or P Warhurst
N Winterburn	N Worthington
J Jensen	C Waddle
P Davis	C Palmer
K Campbell	J Sheridan
P Merson	J Harkes or G Hyde
I Wright	M Bright
A Smith	D Hirst or P Warhurst

Lineker turns provider in easy victory

GARY Lineker helped Grampus Eight, of Nagoya, to their first victory in the new Japanese professional J League yesterday. Grampus beat Urawa Reds 3-0 away, with the former England striker playing a part in two goals.

Yasuyuki Moriyama, Lineker's forward partner, scored twice with the midfield player, Taro Goto, adding a third. "I want to score, but the result for the team is most important," Lineker said. "Moriyama played very well."

Grampus opened the scoring after 30 minutes when Lineker put the Argentinian, Marcelo Trivisonno, under pressure and his misplaced header was hit home from the edge of the penalty area by Moriyama. In the 48th minute, Lineker ran on to a through pass and set up Moriyama to slide home the second goal.

Kashima beat AS Flugels, of Yokohama, 3-2 despite losing the Brazilian, Zico, in the eighteenth minute with a torn muscle in his right leg. Pierre Littbarski, the former German international, scored his first goal for Ichihara JEF United in their 2-1 win over Kawasaki Verdy.

Shizimu S-Pulse beat Hiroshima San Freece 1-0, while Marinos, of Yokohama, overcame Osaka Gamba 1-0, the sudden-death winning goal coming in the 112th minute from David Carlos Visconti.

Michel Preud'homme, the Mechelen goalkeeper, said yesterday he had turned down a lucrative offer to play for a Japanese club in the new league and would be staying with the Belgian side. "I preferred to stay in Belgium ... to play in the national team," he said.

Preud'homme, 34, said he had promised not to name the Japanese club that had made the offer. Belgium are on the way to their fourth consecutive World Cup finals after winning six out of seven qualifying matches.

Ray Wilkins ended speculation about a possible manager's job yesterday when he signed a one-year contract to carry on playing for Queens Park Rangers.

Wilkins, the Rangers captain, had been linked with a possible return to Chelsea as Dave Webb's successor and a switch to Crystal Palace, where Steve Coppell's future as manager is uncertain after his team was relegated.

But Wilkins, the former England midfield player, made it clear that he had no plans to hang up his boots, and said: "I hope this ends all the rumours."

Wilkins broke a leg earlier this year, but recovered to play a key role as Rangers finished as London's leading club in the inaugural season of the FA Premier League.

"Playing football is still my top priority; moving into management is very much for the future," Wilkins insisted.

At 36 he still prides himself on his fitness and said: "So long as I'm enjoying my football, I'll carry on playing."

Gerry Francis, the Rangers manager, is still having talks with the chairman, Richard Thompson, about an extension to his contract that would keep him at Loftus Road for a further 12 months.

Wright will defy pain to play

BY KEITH PIKE

IAN Wright will again defy the pain caused by a recently broken toe to lead Arsenal's attack against Sheffield Wednesday in the FA Cup final replay at Wembley tonight.

Wright, who had a painkilling injection for the first game on Saturday, when he was substituted, will also have one tonight and again wear protective padding on his foot. He took part in a light training session yesterday and suffered no ill effects from the injury.

With Tony Adams, the Arsenal captain, also fit to play, despite a nagging groin strain, George Graham, the manager, has fewer selection problems than his opposite number, Trevor Francis, but will not name his team until shortly before kick-off.

"I have no more tricks up my sleeve," Graham said, although speculation at Arsenal's training ground in Hertfordshire yesterday was that Parlour's place was in jeopardy and that Smith would partner Wright, with Campbell dropping back to midfield. Graham also refused to comment on Paul Davis's non-participation at the club's media open day.

But if Graham was able to offer his own supporters encouragement — "We know we can play a lot better than we did on Saturday and we intend to," he said — he did not hold out so much hope for the non-committed spectator. Criticism of the first match had surprised him "not because it was a disappointing game but because most Cup Finals are like that".

He included the second of the two successive finals he played in for Arsenal, against the Leeds United of Bremner, Lorimer and Giles in 1972. "There were world-class players all over the pitch but that was a worse game than Saturday," he said.

Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday are "two very evenly matched teams who tend to cancel each other out. It has happened many times in finals before and it will not affect my approach for the replay.

"We all want good games and entertaining football, the managers, players and supporters, but I also want Arsenal to win. In five years' time the losers will be forgotten.

"I will again tell my players to go out and express themselves but I have a feeling it will once more be a very tight game."

Viv Anderson, the Sheffield Wednesday captain, has agreed a new one-year contract with the club. Wednesday have also offered new contracts to Phil King, John Harkes, Danny Wilson, David Johnson, Michael Williams and Leroy Chambers.

Scotland struggle to assert superiority over minnows

Estonia 0
Scotland 3

FROM RODDY FORSYTH IN TALLINN

SCOTLAND achieved only their second victory this season in the Kadriorg stadium here last night when goals from Gallacher, Collins and Booth were sufficient to outdistance an Estonia side which is still finding its way at international level.

Nevertheless, it took Andy Roxburgh's reshaped team almost an hour to play with real authority. Scotland may have supposed that the antidote to their 5-0 humiliation by Portugal in Lisbon last month was to be an easy passage against a team with only a point to their credit in this World Cup qualifying campaign, but they passed up an early opportunity to calm their own nerves.

Irvine delivered a long clearance upfield in the opening seconds and his opposite number, Kaljend, misread the ball. In attempting to pass back to his goalkeeper he permitted Robertson to cut inside him, but rather than carry the ball forward, the Heart of Midlothian player shot and saw his drive easily grasped by Poom.

Thereafter, Scotland concentrated on the aerial route to goal, as when Irvine met a free kick from Bowman but looped his header over the crossbar. While Estonia were capable of fragmentary aggression, Scotland enjoyed the superior share of possession but lacked the guile to penetrate the crowded Estonian penalty area.

Irvine got in a second header, from a Collins corner kick, but Poom flicked the ball away one-handed. Hendry's header from another Collins corner also was unproductive.

When Collins was presented with a loose clearance just inside the area he was unfortunate to see his chip fall narrowly wide of the post. Next a meandering dribble by the Celtic midfield player released Boyd for a cross to McClair, whose header went straight at the goalkeeper.

Scotland lacked direction, and Andy Roxburgh moved from the stand to the bench. Within a few minutes Estonia won their first corner kick and it came within an inch of providing them with their first World Cup goal. Scotland were unable to clear and the ball fell to Kallaste, whose powerful shot rebounded from the crossbar on to the goalline. With Gunn beaten, Hendry kicked it clear.

Almost on half-time Bowman released Robertson on the right-hand edge of the Estonian penalty area, and when he played his cutback towards the far post Gallacher was there to spin a shot into the net for his first goal for Scotland.

Scotland's second goal came almost on the one-hour mark when an astute pass from Gallacher released Collins and he struck his drive firmly to beat Poom high to his right. Finally, Booth, a replacement for Robertson, intercepted a deflected cross from Wright to flick past Poom for his first senior goal for Scotland.

ESTONIA: M Poom (Flora); R Kallaste (Flora), M Lemsalu (Flora), I Prins (Flora), U Kaljend (Pallo), T Kallaste (Flora), A Borissov (Norma), M Kristal (Flora), M Reim (Flora), J Vannsalu (Flora), S Bragin (Pallo-55).

SCOTLAND: B Gunn (Norwich City); S Wright (Aberdeen; sub: A McLaren, Heart of Midlothian), T Boyd (Celtic), P McStay (Celtic, capt), C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), B Irvine (Aberdeen), K Gallacher (Blackburn Rovers), D Bowman (Dundee United), J Robertson (Heart of Midlothian; sub: S Booth, Aberdeen), B McClair (Manchester United), J Collins (Celtic).

Referee: T Hollung (Norway).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	7	5	2	0	18	4	12
Italy	7	4	2	1	15	6	10
Portugal	5	2	2	1	8	4	6
Scotland	5	2	2	2	7	8	6
Malta	8	1	1	6	3	17	3
Estonia	5	0	1	4	0	12	1

RESULTS: Estonia 0, Switzerland 6; Switzerland 3, Scotland 1; Italy 2, Switzerland 2; Scotland 0 Portugal 0; Malta 0, Estonia 0; Scotland 0, Italy 0; Switzerland 3, Malta 0; Malta 1, Italy 2; Malta 0, Portugal 1; Scotland 3, Malta 0, Portugal 1, Italy 3; Italy 6, Malta 1; Switzerland 1, Portugal 1; Italy 2, Estonia 0; Malta 0 Switzerland 2; Portugal 5, Scotland 0; Switzerland 1, Italy 0; Estonia 0, Malta 1; Estonia 0, Scotland 3.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Jun 2: Scotland v Estonia. Jun 19: Portugal v Malta. Sept 5: Estonia v Portugal. Sept 8: Scotland v Switzerland. Sept 22: Estonia v Italy. Oct 13: Portugal v Switzerland; Italy v Scotland. Nov 10: Portugal v Estonia. Nov 17: Italy v Portugal; Malta v Scotland; Switzerland v Estonia.

Wales lifted by Young's return

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ERIC Young and Mark Aizlewood, both central defenders, return from suspension to boost the Wales squad named by Terry Yorath yesterday for the World Cup group four qualifying match against the Faeroe Islands on June 6.

Clayton Blackmore, the versatile Manchester United player, is also included for the first time since undergoing a hernia operation earlier this year.

Kevin Ratcliffe, Chris Coleman and Mark Pembridge have been omitted, although in Ratcliffe's case, Yorath explained that it was because of a knee injury.

Yorath will have his players with him for a full eight days before the match. The squad assemble in Newport on May 29 before flying direct to the Faeroes from Cardiff 48 hours before the match at the Svangaskaro Stadium in Toftir.

Yorath said: "I have visited the stadium before and although it is a bit sparse by our standards, it seems to be a decent enough pitch.

"There is something of a problem if it gets windy because the wind comes straight off the sea, and it can get more than a bit chilly. But there can be no excuses if we lose because this is the sort of team we must beat if we are to rate in world football."

Ian Rush, the Liverpool forward who scored a hat-trick when Wales beat the Faeroes 6-0 in Cardiff in September, will be looking to add to his Welsh record of 24 international goals on his sixtieth appearance.

Rush will fancy his chances, the Islanders having conceded 25 goals in six group matches.

WALES SQUAD: N Southall (Everton), A Roberts (Queens Park Rangers); M Bowen (Norwich City), P Bodin (Swindon Town), D Phillips (Norwich City), C Blackmore (Manchester United), E Young (Crystal Palace), K Symons (Portsmouth), M Aizlewood (Bristol City), G Speed (Leeds United), A Melville (Oxford United), B Horne (Everton, captain), M Hughes (Manchester United), R Giggs (Manchester United), I Rush (Liverpool), D Saunders (Aston Villa).

☐ Australia, hoping to make their first appearance in the World Cup finals since 1974, have arranged two matches in 24 hours against AC Milan in mid-June, the Australia Soccer Federation (ASF) said yesterday. Milan will meet Australia at the Sydney Football Stadium on June 16 and in Melbourne on June 17.

AC Milan and Australia face critical matches over the next few weeks before the sides meet. Australia play New Zealand in Auckland on May 30 and in Melbourne on June 6. Whoever comes out on top will play Canada later in the year.

Milan are seeking glory on two fronts. They aim to retain the Italian league title and to lift the European Cup when they play Marseilles, of France, in the final in Munich on Wednesday.

Bowe anxious to face Lewis

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN WASHINGTON

RIDDICK Bowe, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation heavyweight title-holder, wants to meet Lennox Lewis, who has the World Boxing Council (WBC) belt, to end the dispute as to who is the true world champion.

If Rock Newman, Bowe's manager, and Seth Abraham, the head of Home Box Office cable television company, have their way the bout will happen this year. Abraham said yesterday: "There are many things still in the way but there comes a time when the talking has to stop and we have to get the fight on.

"This time it's not just talk. We definitely want this fight. We will be having more discussions this weekend. The longer the fight waits, the smaller it could get. They should fight while they are still seen as giants."

Perhaps fearing that Mike Tyson, whose case comes up before the Indiana Court of Appeals this week, might get out of jail and overshadow his plans, Newman wants to talk to Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, about a pay-per-view show in Las Vegas that could give Lewis more than $12 million. Maloney is expected here on Saturday for Bowe's defence against Jesse Ferguson, who is 40-1 with the bookmakers.

"Lewis is the opponent Bowe wants," Newman said on Tuesday. "I'm going to do everything possible. I'm going to exhaust every avenue.

"I made a $12 million offer and was rebuffed. I want to ask Maloney what it will take to make this fight. I want to know. We've raised the offer. We've dropped the requirement that Lewis has to renounce the WBC title."

Newman thinks the bout will gross around $35 million, $17 million coming from pay-per-view, $11 million from Caesars Palace, and another $8 million from foreign rights and closed-circuit. Bowe expects to receive $20 million.

This plan, together with the one suggested by Dan Duva, Lewis's American promoter, to meet Evander Holyfield, all but extinguishes the flame on the back burner, where Lewis's bout with Frank Bruno has been placed.

Langer prices himself out

FROM MEL WEBB IN MODENA, ITALY

MODENA Golf and Country Club, where the Italian Open starts today, is the first course designed by Bernhard Langer to be used for a PGA European Tour event. The shame of it is that the great man is not here to play on it.

The reason is simple — Langer priced himself out of the market. Negotiations were opened for him to appear on his creation, but it is understood that his fee was greater than the combined cost of Severiano Ballesteros, José María Olazábal and John Cook.

By the time the Langer camp came back with an offer of a ten per cent discount, the promoters had consigned the relevant file to the drawer marked "not at any price".

There are still, in any case, enough members of world golf's aristocracy at Modena to soften the blow of the Masters champion's non-appearance. Ballesteros, still waiting for the muse to return to his game, is trying out his second driver in as many weeks, but was talking of his prospects much more positively yesterday.

Olazábal seems at last to be returning to something like his best, and the promoters have scored a considerable coup in luring Cook from his home in California. No matter what he achieves, the personable Cook, 35, will be remembered as the man who threeputted the 17th green at Muirfield in 1992 to lose the Open Championship after looking home and hosed.

Cook, though, is no one-tournament wonder. He won three times in the United States last year and, at fourth in the US Ryder Cup points list, is certain of his place in the team.

On a Modena course that looks like a little bit of America in the heart of Italy, Cook will be at home this week, as will Wayne Grady, of Australia.

Grady, winner of the US PGA Championship in 1990 and a European Tour alumnus who now plies his trade in America, has returned to his old seat of learning to give a four-day master class. With six tournament winners in Europe this season also appearing, he may find there is still something to be learned on this side of the Atlantic.

ATOZ

Answers from page 44

PURGA
(b) A blizzard of very fine snow in the former Soviet Union, from the Russian: "A purga was raging — one of those fierce snowstorms which visit with especial violence the eastern shores of Arctic Russia."

LOUIS
(a) A type of heel used on a woman's shoe, after Louis XV (1715-74), King of France, in whose reign it became fashionable: "It is of any height or shape. Its character is defined by the sole material which is attached to the breast (front) of the heel by adhesive. But the term Louis is generally applied to a high heel with curved waist, flared at the base."

SPUMONI
(a) A kind of ice-cream desert, adapted from the Italian *spuma* foam: "A special spumoni cup should be used. Press one-fourth bottom to line the cup. Add chocolate ice cream. Finish filling with a mixture of fruit and whipped cream."

DAGERAAD
(a) The brilliantly coloured sea-fish *Chrysoblephus cristiceps* (family Sparidae), from the Afrikaans Dutch *dageraad* daybreak, colouring: "Dageraad: Strong, conical teeth in the upper jaw, which project from the mouth. The whole fish is of a dark rose-colour. Lower jaw white; iris silvery; length 12 inches."

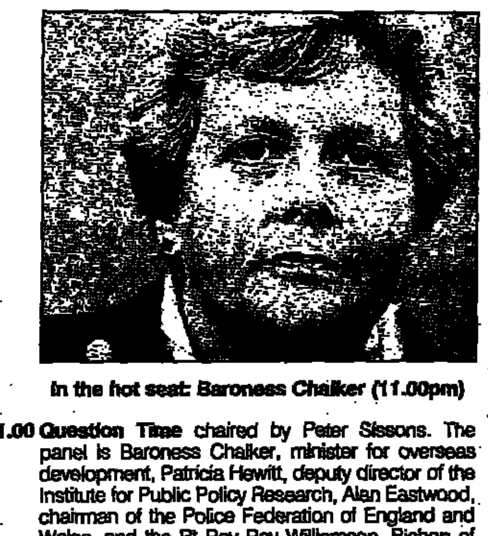
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9.05 Verdict. This week the studio jury have to decide whether a woman who kills her husband after years of abuse is guilty of murder or manslaughter (s) (4471885) *9.35* **King of the Road.** Ross King and Anna Walker visit Jersey (2193198)
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4.55 Newsround (8768310) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (4889339)
5.35 Neighbours *(r) (Ceefax) (s) (176049).* Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (827)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (443759). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
6.50 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (836310)
7.20 FA Cup Final Replay. Live coverage of the replay *of Saturday's unresolved match between Arsenal* and Sheffield Wednesday (69846914)
NB: *If the match goes to extra time the following* programme times are subject to change
9.30 **News** with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (41371)
10.00 **Sylvania Waters.** *Continuing the real-life soap* series following the everyday lives of an unusual household living in an affluent suburb of Sydney. (Ceefax) (98310)
10.30 The Full Wax. The brash Ruby Wax tries for a job as an extra in the doomed soap *Eldorado.* (Ceefax) (s) (74730)



In the hot seat: Baroness Chalker (11.00pm)

11.00 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons. The panel is Baroness Chalker, minister for overseas development, Patricia Hewitt, deputy director of the Institute for Public Policy Research, Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, and the Rt Rev Ray Williamson, Bishop of Southwark (10943)
12.00 Spenser For Hire. Adventures of a Boston-based private detective. Starring Robert Urich (1636682)
12.45am Weather (3447605). Ends at 12.50
2.15-2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (50518) **3.00-3.30 RCN Nursing Update** (27841)

BBC2

6.45 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News (6811285) **8.15 Westminster.** A *round-up of business from both* Houses (2628488)
9.00 Daytime on Two: The Biology Collection (7973846) **9.20** Landmarks Special Reports (1401020) **9.45** You and Me (2407846) **10.00** La Marée et ses secrets (8200399) **10.15** Over the Moon (5155420) **10.30** Ghostwriter (s) (71643) **11.00** Q and A (s) (1741020) **11.10** Landmarks (s) (3945399) **11.30** Movable Feasts (4741643) **11.45** History File (s) (4760778) **12.05** Geography Casebook (2321812) **12.25** Lifeschool (s) (5026056) **12.50** Winning (s) (1613198) **1.20** Noddy (s) (77065407) **1.30** Funnybones (s) (85206001) **1.35** King Greenfingers (s) (85205372) **1.40** Music Time (s) (70233310)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (12027469) **2.15 Aristotle Onassis.** A profile of the late Greek shipping tycoon (2025372)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3636556) **3.05 Westminster Live** (8233448) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4614117)
4.00 International Showjumping from Hickstead (s) (68391)
5.30 The Great Car Robbery. How the police in Manchester are cracking down on the theft of cars, *estimated at a 1,000 a week. (First shown on BBC* North) (556)
6.00 Film: Savage Islands *(1983) starring Tommy Lee* Jones and Jenny Seagrove. Swashbuckling yarn set *in the South Pacific during the 19th-century.* Directed by Ferdinand Fairfax. (Ceefax) (s) (89515)
7.30 Business Matters: Many Happy Returns? (Ceefax) See Choice (933)
8.00 Tales From the Map Room. The series on maps through history continues with a look at how the history of cities can be traced by contemporary maps. (Ceefax) (s) (5204)
8.30 Top Gear. Includes a test of the latest in commuting vehicles, the electrically-powered Zike two-wheeler (s) (4339)



Devil woman: Jennifer Saunders (9.00pm)

9.00 The Comic Strip Presents: Demonella. A spoof morality tale about a failed music producer who sells his soul for financial success. With Jennifer Saunders and Robbie Coltrane. (Ceefax) (7643)
9.30 Under the Sun: The Tenth Dancer. (Ceefax) See Choice (850759)
10.20 **10 x 10:** *The Room. Comedy about a small boy's* escape from the conventions of family life (911001)
10.30 **Newsnight** *presented by Jeremy Paxman (869827)*
11.15 The Late Show from Glasgow's Mayfest (s) (910285) **11.55 Weather** (635372)
12.00 Jumpcuts. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (8341745)
12.05am Open Advice: Something For Everyone. A look at the range of Open University courses that are available (8669808). Ends at 12.30

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CHOICE



Paranoid game show host: Rik Mayall (ITV, 9.00pm)

Rik Mayall Presents: Micky Love
ITV, 9.00pm

The first of three vehicles for the comic talents of Rik Mayall is an erratic farce about an aging and paranoid game show host who thinks he is about to be put out to grass. There follows a determined attempt to save his career and do the dirty on his younger, more with-it rival. The joke is that Rik's Micky is not being sacked at all. Peter Morgan's script is a lively portrait of media in-fighting and Mayall enjoys himself guying the relentless jokey style of the television anchorman. Viewers can enjoy spotting a range of celebrities in bit parts, including, unless my eyes deceived me, Eddie the Eagle. The great puzzle is the deeply-shadowed lighting, which seems more appropriate to some moody thriller than this piece of froth.

True Stories: Death of a Wagon Train
Channel 4, 9.35pm

In 1846 two American families formed a wagon train in Springfield, Illinois, and set off on the 2,500-mile trek west to California. It was not the rousing, heroic story later to be made by Hollywood. A short cut proved to be nothing of the sort. Indians attacked and killed the oxen. Some of the travellers died along the way. The aim was to cross the Sierra Nevada mountains before the snows came. Too late by a day, they were forced to dig in for the winter. As the food ran out, eating human flesh became the only way to survive. A film by Ric Burns, who made the BBC2 series on the American Civil War, reconstructs this terrible episode from photographs, paintings and the first-hand accounts of the pioneers.

Business Matters: Many Happy Returns?
BBC2, 7.30pm

A new series of the business programme opens with a story for our times about the rise and fall of The *Birthday Company. It seemed a good idea in the* booming 1980s, a one-stop shop for birthday presents, *cards and wrapping paper. It seemed an even better* idea when landlords trying to fill up the huge new *shopping malls were willing to offer generous* financial carrots. From small beginnings in Glasgow, plans were hatched to create a national chain of 35 outlets. Then came the recession. Jane Walmsley's searching film follows the tale as it unfolds, from initial optimism, to collapse, an angry creditors' meeting and a rescue plan which in turn goes sour. At least nobody tries to blame anyone but themselves.

Under the Sun: The Tenth Dancer
BBC2, 9.30pm

One of the by-products of the Pol Pot genocide in Cambodia was the wholesale slaughter of the country's *performing artists. Because of a connection with the* royal court, which went back centuries, dancers were a particular target. *Only one in ten survived.* Australian film-maker Sally Ingleton focuses on two of them, a ballet teacher, Em Theay, and her former student, Sok Chea. Now a grandmother, Em Theay had 18 children of whom only five are still alive. Since the end of the Pol Pot regime she has helped to rebuild the national dance company and is seen preparing them for the traditional new year celebrations. Their costumes used to be covered in real jewels. Now they have to make do with plastic sequins. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. *Among this morning's guests is Joan Collins* (6856952)
9.25 **Cross Wits.** *Word quiz game (1495469)* **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4006372)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... (4170391)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (62190204)
12.10 The Riddlers. For young children (r) (7676169)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Teletext) Weather (8089885) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (75632681)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (531556) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (530827)
2.15 Simply the Best. Kit Chapman, continuing his gastronomic tour of the British Isles, samples the seafood of Jersey and the island's cream (555136)
2.45 Take the High Road. Highlands-based drama serial (5831643)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3647662) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3646933)
3.20 Blockbusters with Bob Holness (8762469)
3.50 Garfield and Friends (r) (4258371) **4.15 The Pig Attraction.** Puppet series (173681) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (2074196)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4873778)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (793865)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (25952)
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. *(Teletext) (6310)*



Heavyweights: Fiona, Sue and Lisa (7.30pm)

7.30 3D. The first of a new series of three documentaries per programme. This includes one about three sisters with a combined weight of more than 60 stone and their battles to rid themselves of the flab. Presented by Julia Somerville (759)
8.00 The Bill: Awaydays. A loud-mouthed, former policeman (Glyn Houston) is robbed in a hotel while he is looking for his estranged daughter. DC Lines (Kevin Lloyd) is sent to investigate and discovers that he and the victim have different values. (Teletext) (2730)
8.30 Just a Gigolo. Last in the comedy series starring Tony Slattery as a reluctant Romeo. (Teletext) (1865)
9.00 Rik Mayall Presents: Micky Love. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (5391)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (90778) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (636681)
10.40 The Frost Programme. Sir David Frost chairs a *discussion on matters affecting the south-east (s)* (998778)
11.40 Raw Soup. *Magazine combining music, comedy* and chat (s) (320056)
12.40 Street Legal. *Drama series about a Canadian law* firm (4747605)
1.35 Hollywood Report. *Showbusiness gossip* (6474570)
2.00 Donahue. Part two of a discussion on the way Aids has changed the American way of life (78228)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (52537)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (39605)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (97402)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (97112)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (72112). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy *(b/w). Vintage American comedy series* starring Lucille Ball (21488)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. *Cat and dog cartoon series* (8137556)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin. Includes the first of a two-part interview with Tina Turner (14407)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (77827)
9.30 Schools (274117)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins with a round-up of news from both Houses (80391)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series (r) (50339) **1.30 Take 5.** Cartoons (14846)
2.00 Film: Queen Bee (1955, b/w) starring Joan Crawford. A melodramatic vehicle for the star who plays an autocratic southern states socialite matriarch who dominates all her family — with tragic consequences. With Barry Sullivan, Fay Wray and Betsy Palmer. Directed by Ranald MacDougall (687440)
3.40 The Voice-Over Queen. A short about an out-of-work actress reduced to doing the voice-overs for electric gadget adverts (r) (2658597)
4.00 Bay of Fundy. A *Survival* documentary about the wildlife of Canada's Bay of Fundy which has a tide range of 53 feet (488)
4.30 Fifteen to One. *Fast moving general knowledge* knock out quiz presented by William G. Stewart. *(Teletext) (s) (372)*
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Horror stories about the American health system. *(Teletext) (s) (7661204)*
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Classic children's entertainment (218865)
6.00 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham, *south London, barber's.* Starring Norman Beaton (r). (Teletext) (s) (885)
6.30 A Different World. American college campus comedy (s) (117)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) (195846)
7.50 Comment. Alan Mattingly disapproves of the government's plans to privatise the Forestry Commission (724556)



Sentimental value: Bakewell, Francis (8.00pm)

8.00 Memento. Clare Francis talks to Joan Bakewell about the possessions that mean most to her. (Teletext) (7152)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien leads six more intrepid contestants through a collection of tricky games (s) (3906597)
9.35 True Stories: Death of a Wagon Train (s). See Choice (6782198)
11.00 The Jazz Package. American musicians of the 1930s and 1940s (926846)
11.35 Film: The Lady in Waiting (1992) *starring* Virginia McKenna. The first in a new *First Frame* season is *Christian Taylor's short about a shy spinster who* finds herself trapped in a Manhattan lift with a black *transvestite during a power failure.* With Rodney Hudson (897020)
12.10am Dispatches. A *repeat of last night's* documentary about the increase in abuse of the elderly due to the policy of care in the community (s) (6991727)
1.00 The Steve Allen Show (b/w). The guests include Bob Hope (30315). Ends at **1.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8762469) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4873778) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (415827) **10.40** Go Fishing (118594) **11.10** Wideangle (529830) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (380020) **12.35** Wrestling (1544957) **1.15** America's Top Ten (54334) **1.45** Film: Sands of the Desert (468711) **3.30** Stage 2 (75266) **4.30** Riviera (53266) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (97112)

BORDER
As London except: 2.45-3.10 Magic Wok (5831643) **3.20-3.50** GP (8762469) **6.00** Lookaround (223) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (575) **10.40** Cloughie: I Did It My Way (118594) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (879812) **12.05** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (8644599) **12.35** Wrestling (1544957) **1.15** America's Top Ten (54334) **1.45** Film: Sands of the Desert (468711) **3.30** Stage 2 (75266) **4.30** Riviera (53266) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (97112)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (531556) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (530827) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street *(8762469)* **5.10-5.40** *Gardening Time* (4873778) **6.00** Home and Away (580594) **6.25-7.00** Central News (585285) **10.40** Central Lobby (118594) **11.10** Married...with Children (529830) *11.40 Sledge Hammer* (842440) **12.10** The Equalizer (7630624) **1.05** Hollywood Report (3453266) **1.35** The Little Picture Show (4662537) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4309179) **3.05** America's Top Ten (74636727) **3.35** Raw Power (6884537) **4.35** Jobfinder (7770042) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6405889)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (531556) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (530827) *5.10-5.40 Survival (4873778)* **6.00** Home and Away (223) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (575) **10.40** Families (975827) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (970515) **12.35** Wrestling (1544957) **1.15** America's Top Ten (54334) *1.45 Film: Sands of the Desert* (468711) **3.30** Stage 2 (75266) **4.30** Riviera (53266) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (97112)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (530827) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors *(8762469) 6.00 HTV News (223) 6.30-7.00* Green Grow the Dishes (575) **10.40** The West This Week (885865) **11.25** HTV Weekend Outlook (965730) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (380020) **12.35** Wrestling (1544957) *1.15 America's Top Ten (54334)* **1.45** Film: Sands of the Desert (Charlie Drake, Peter Arne) (468711) **3.30** Stage 2 (75266) **4.30** Riviera (53266) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (97112)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme **10.40** Wales and Westminster **11.10** Week-end Ahead! **11.25-11.40** Out of Limits

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8762469) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (223) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (575) **10.40** The Pier (148846) **11.20** Prisoner: *Cell Block H* (479876) **12.15** War of the Worlds *(148131)* **1.15-1.35** Night Bites (4350470) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (97112)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8762469) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (185049) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (575) **10.40** East Coast Mainline (885865) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (829317) **12.20-2.05** Film: Thou Shalt Not Kill (413470)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live at Six (25952) **10.40** Counterpoint (118594) **11.10** Go Fishing (529834) **11.40** Miller and Mueller (380020) **12.35** Wrestling (1544957) **1.15-1.45** America's Top Ten (54334)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (530827) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (8762469) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (25952) **10.40** Ambulance! (118594) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (879812) **12.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (7027860) **12.35** Wrestling (1544957) **1.15** America's Top Ten (54334) **1.45** Film: Sands of the Desert (468711) **3.30** Stage 2 (75266) **4.30** Riviera (53266) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (97112)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8762469) **5.55** Calendar (185049) *6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (575) 10.40 Edit V* (885865) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (829317) **12.10** Film: Thou Shalt Not Kill (413470) **2.05** America's Top Ten (9755824) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4309179) **3.05** Film: When the Bough Breaks (2220711) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (9522247)

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Starts: 9.30 Yagolion (274117) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (80391) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (15575) **1.00** Sesame Street (91830) *2.00 Eat Your Greens (9378) 2.30 Film:* Three Coins in the Fountain (90438989) **4.25** Slot 23 (7689827) **5.00** Fifteen To One (1488) **5.30** The Next Big Thing (952) **6.00** Newyddion (933662) **6.10** Heno (542310) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4952) *7.30 O'r Fedwen* I'r Fan (371) **8.00** Y Swn (7152) **8.30** Newyddion (698827) **8.55** Min Y Gyfraith (691914) **9.25** Very Jean Muir (162074) **9.55** Film: The Day the Earth Stood Still (446136) **11.35** Street Legal (881339) **12.05am-12.35** Surgical Spirit (8635841)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (46012223) **8.40** Lamb Chops *Play-a-Long* (4099730) **9.10** Cartoons (6053575) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (77339) **10.00** Card Sharks (6622865) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7213894) **10.30** Concentration (22391) **11.00** The Bold and the *Beautiful (77865)* **11.30** Falcon Crest (40339) **12.30pm** E Street (48827) **1.00** Another World (6127681) **1.45** Santa Barbara (101339) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (849372) **3.15** Different Strokes (182204) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (7132420) **6.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7627) **6.00** Games World (4469) **6.30** E Street (8049) **7.00** Rescue (8556) **7.30** Family Ties (7933) **8.00** Melrose Place (19339) **9.00** Chances (99575) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (32662) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (43933) **12.00** *Pages from Skytext*

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.30am News and Business Report (847372) **9.30** Nightline (39933) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (11049) **11.30** International Business Report (31681) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (15865) **1.30** Good Morning America (18594) **2.30** Parliament (4819827) **3.15** Parliament (9422223) **4.30** News and Business Report (4846) **5.00** Live at Five (21933) **6.30** News and Business Report (25469) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (5575) **10.30** Nightline (50594) **11.30** ABC News (24681) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (50624) **1.30** ABC News (94841) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (40179) **3.30** ABC News (45624) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (47421) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (34976)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (5405049)
10.00 Shipwrecked (1991): Stian Smestad embarks on a perilous sea voyage (42843)
12.00 Real Life (1979). Albert Brooks and Charles Grodin make a documentary about a typical American family (18759)
2.00pm A Separate Peace (1972): New England boarders are concerned about the outbreak of war (83914)
4.00 They All Laughed (1981): Comedy about four private detectives (2759)
6.00 Shipwrecked (as 10am) (55038)
8.00 Gremlins 2: The New Batch (1990): Gizmo spawns a reptilian army (76543)
10.00 Pink Cadillac (1989): Clint Eastwood tracks bail jumper Bernadette Peters (73049)
12.00 Roots of Evil (1992): A policeman investigates the murders of Los Angeles low-life. With Alex Cord (55150)
2.00am Alphabet City (1984): Vincent Spano plays a teenage hoodlum (55228)
4.00 Mack the Knife (1989): Adaptation of *The Threepenny Opera.* Raul Julia plays a notorious 1830s London underworld figure *(72334). Ends at 6.00*

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1941, b/w): Spencer Tracy develops a split personality. With Ingrid Bergman and Lana Turner (63198)
8.00 The Right Stuff (1983): Drama about the birth of the American space programme. Starring Sam Shepard and Scott Glenn (91360440). Ends at 11.10

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Harvey Middleman Fireman (1965): Comedy starring Gene Troobnick as a firefighter (65778)
8.00 Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1987): Fairy-tale starring Diana Rigg (26778)
10.00 The Miracle Worker (19672): Drama about deaf and blind girl Helen Keller and her teacher Annie Sullivan. Starring Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke (40285)
12.00 Cast a Long Shadow (1959): Western outlaw Audie Murphy renounces his life of crime (38371)
2.00pm Frankie and Johnny (1966): Elvis Presley musical (81568)
4.00 Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (as 8am) (3001)
6.00 Victim of Innocence (1990): Anthony John Denison searches for his Vietnamese daughter. With Cheryl Ladd (94020)
8.00 Shadow of a Doubt (1991): A teenager suspects that uncle Mark Harmon is a serial killer. With Margaret Welsh (98765)
10.00 Puppet Master (1989): Killer dolls menace three psychics (16440)
11.30 Mister Frost (1990): Jeff Goldblum tries to convince Alan Bates that he is the devil incarnate (977001)
1.15am The Damned (1969): Drama about the rise of Nazism in 1930s Germany. Starring Dirk Bogarde (31740976)
4.00 May Wine (1990): A mother and daughter fall in love with the same man in Paris (26599). Ends at 5.30

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (54575) **7.00** Ringside (72469) **9.00** Morning Stretch (90391) **9.30** Indy 500 Practice (27933) **10.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor (45827) **10.30** Windsurfing (96575) **11.00** World Cup Tennis (4096778) **5.00pm** ATP Tennis (1662) **5.30** WWF All-American Wrestling (93372) **6.30** Indy 500 Practice (1391) **7.00** Horse Racing (96049) **9.00** European League Round-Up (24285) **10.00** The Boot Room (27372) **11.00** Indy 500 Practice (94556) **11.30** World Cup Tennis (56865) **1.00-2.00am** British Motorsport (91570)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (80488) **8.00** Golf (81339) **9.00** Snooker (40372) **11.00** Uefa Football (40594) **1.00pm** *NBA Basketball* (51488) **3.00** BMW Tennis (47556) **4.30** Motor Racing: Monaco Grand Prix (1914) **5.00** BMW Tennis (67759) **6.30** News (3759) **7.00** NHL Ice Hockey (81117) **9.00** World Cup Football (32204) **11.00** Motor Racing (12952) **11.30** DTM German Touring Cars (69407) **12.00-12.30am** News (64131)

UK GOLD
6.00am Jamie and the Magic Torch *(5216575)* **6.30** *Jem (1376223)* **7.00** Brewster (8873399) **7.30** Neighbours (9328484) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8823001) **8.30** EastEnders (8822372) **9.00** The Bill (8846952) **9.30** The Onedin Line (8258285) *10.30 Juliet Bravo (9749402)* **11.30** No Place Like Home (6121391) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8833488) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2721117) **1.00** EastEnders (3728240) **1.30** The Bill (2720488) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4925001) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (4314310) **3.00** Dallas (6132407) **4.00** Dynasty (6111914) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4949681) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (4392198) *6.00 Neighbours (4322339) 6.30 The* Onedin Line (8503204) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (4302575) **8.00** EastEnders (4945865) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (4924372) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (4638469) **10.00** The Bill (8834117) *10.30 Carrot's Lib (9407846) 11.30 Dr Who* (1363759) **12.00** Film: Suzy (1936, b/w) starring Jean Harlow (4342727) **1.40-2.00am** Video Bites (50251247)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (88117) **7.00** RatKan II (44395) **9.00** Jack in the Box (10730) **11.00** Stories Without Words (42117) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (43846) **12.00** Secret Valley (57198) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (66846) **2.00** Stories Without Words (8594) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (7594) **3.00** Babar (4741001) **3.25** RatKan II (98208469) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (9846) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (1310) **6.00-7.00** Fame (79310)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Maths — *Curve Sketching*
6.55 Weather **7.00 On Air:** Bach (Brandenburg *Concerto No 6* in B flat); Parry (Fantasy *Sonata in B*); *Stravinsky* (Three Dances, Petrushka); Vivaldi (Cello Concerto in G, RV414)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Liszt
10.00 Hits of the Sixties: The novelist Marsha Hunt introduces Motown records
10.10 **Morning Sequence:** Paganini, arr Molinari (*Perpetuum mobile,* Op 11); Tartini (Sonata in G minor, Devil's Trill); Beethoven (Canzonetta Veneziana, WoO158a No 23); Schubert (Gondelfahrer, *D808*); *Giuliani* (Serenade, Op 127); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4 in A, Italian); Mayseder (Polonaise No 1 in A); Rossini (La Regata Veneziana); Paganini (La Couvent du Mont St Bernard)
12.00 Towards Expressionism: Todd Crow, piano, plays Strauss (Sonata in B minor, *Op 5); Reger (Aus meinem* Tagebuch, Op 82 — excerpts); Schoenberg (Three Pieces, Op 11) (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Bach on Ascension Day: Easter Oratorio, *BWV 249;* Sinfonia, Cantata No 42: Am *abend aber desselbigen* Sabbaths; Cantata No 11: Lobet Gott in seinen Reichen, Ascension Oratorio)
2.30 Impromptu: Ian Lake, piano, plays Vorisek (Impromptu in A, Op 7 No 4) Chopin (*Impromptus: in A flat, Op 29;* in F sharp, Op 36); Alkan (Impromptus Bk 2, Op 32 No 2: No 1 in A minor); Liszt (Valse-impromptu); Fauré (Impromptu No 1 in E flat, Op 25); Glazunov (Impromptu in D flat, Op 54 No 1); Berkeley (Three Impromptus)
3.15 Ronde: *La Fontegara* Amsterdam performs a *medieval and modern* musical palindrome, that includes works by Willem Wander van Nieuwkerk and Jeff Hamburg
4.00 BBC Scottish SO under Martyn Brabbins performs Robert Saxton (In the Beginning); Nielsen (Symphony No 5)
5.00 In Tune: Michael Berkeley's guest is the piano and harpsichord player Rosalyn Tureck
7.30 Scottish Chamber Orchestra *under* Simon Rattle, with Pinchas Zukerman, violin, Ralph Kirshbaum, cello, performs Fauré (Élégie); Dvořák (Romance in F minor, Op 11); Brahms (Double Concerto in A minor). **8.30** Interval. **8.35** *Beethoven* (Symphony No 7 in A)
9.15 In His Own Write: See Choice
9.40 Poul Ruders: Psalmodies for guitar and nine instruments (David Starobin, guitar; Capricorn under Stefan Asbury) (r)
10.15 **Groovin' High:** Alyn Shipton presents the first of a six-part tribute to the jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie (r)
10.45 Night Waves: The arts programme talks to the cultural historian *E.P. Thompson about his* book, *Customs in Common*
11.30 Wolf — Mörike Lieder, performed by Olaf Bär, baritone, and Geoffrey Parsons, piano
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties *(r)*
1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 9-10am)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra: English Resources — Drama in English (2 and 3)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing,* incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** *Thought for the* Day **8.40** Yesterday in *Parliament* **8.58** *Weather*
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates (r)
9.30 Never the Same Again: Jenni Mills talks to Ann, whose husband, an army doctor, *suddenly announced in 1989* that he was leaving her and *their three sons*
10.00-10.30 Rent (FM only): Third of a six-part comedy series by Lucy Flannery
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW *only):* An Anthology of Spiritual Verse. A selection of poetry on the theme of last times. Read by Paul Scofield, Brid Brennan, David Holt, Alison Reid and Sandra James-Young
10.30 Woman's Hour discusses the *fragile male;* talks to women in Cambodia; and reports on the welfare of prisoners' children. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with *Linda Lewis*
12.25pm Out of Order: Patrick Hannan chairs the light-hearted political quiz. Team captains Austin Mitchell, MP, and Michael White are joined by Neil Kinnock, MP, and *writer Matthew Parris* **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News: The Christening Robe: See Choice
3.00-4.00 Bus Stop (FM only): Jenni Mills and Andrew *Jennings tour Britain in search* of controversy
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews *Juno and the Paycock* at the Albery Theatre; talks to *the novelist Gillian Slovo;* and meets members of the Phoenix Dance Company who *are performing Heart of Chaos* at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield
4.45 Short Story: A Bicycle, by *Iqbal Ahmad. Read by Sam* Dastor
5.00 PM 5.50 *Shipping Forecast* **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Masterson Inheritance: Josie Lawrence and Paul *Merton star in an improvised* historical saga
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Ascension Day Service from All Souls, Langham Place
8.00 Analysis: When the Party's Over: Sarah Benton investigates the health of parliamentary democracy
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? with Kati Whitaker. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Mark Gregory **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Heather Blazing, by Colm Tóibín. Donal McCann reads the fourth of ten episodes
11.00 Sad Cypress: Third of a five-part dramatisation of Agatha Christie's novel. With John *Moffatt as Hercule Poirot (r)*
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, *incl 12.27* Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Christening Robe. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
In Aileen La Tourette's sensitively written play, which *Jane Morgan* has directed in the same spirit, the robe is both a symbol of dissention and reconciliation. A wedding becomes the occasion for a *grandmother* (Pauline Letts) to play the role of peacemaker, and for a granddaughter (Geraldine Fitzgerald) and her *mother-in-law* (Maureen O'Brien) to profit from the granny's beneficent example. The play makes repeated use of the flashback. *Used imaginatively,* as it is in *The Christening Robe,* this much-abused device can make an already good play even better.

1968 Season: In His Own Write. *Radio 3, 9.15pm.*
Few actors get the chance of a second bite of the same cherry after a 25-year interval. Ronald Pickup is one of the lucky ones. His one-man show at the National Theatre, in which he read from John Lennon's poems-and-stories book, *In His Own Write,* is cut down to 25 minutes in Marion Nancarrow's production for Radio 3. Pickup could not have been improved on for the role of Me, the story-teller. Like Lennon, he was born in *Liverpool.* **Peter Davalle**

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Pop in Cork: Liz Kershaw on this year's Eurovision song contest *9.00 The Guest List* **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 5.00am Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gloria Gaynor **10.30** Debbie Greenwood *and Paul Cole 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride* **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools. Let's Make a Story; **9.15** Together — An Assembly for Schools; **9.35** Listening and Reading 3; **9.45** *The Song Tree;* **10.00** *In the News* **10.25** *Wiggly Park* **10.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Garden Centre **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** William Darling, by Anne Fine. Read by Alex Langdon **7.30** FA Cup Final Replay: Arsenal v Sheffield Wednesday **9.30** Annie on My Mind, by Nancy Garden (final part) **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 4.30am BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sport **8.00** News **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report *10.15 From Our Own* Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sport **11.01** Assignment **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.30pm** Just a Small Secret **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Handmaid's Tale **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** *German Features* **8.05** *Outlook* **8.30** *Europe Today* **9.00** *News* **9.10** *Words of Faith* **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sport **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** News **1.30** Classic Recordings **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Seven Seas **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.30** Just a Small Secret **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

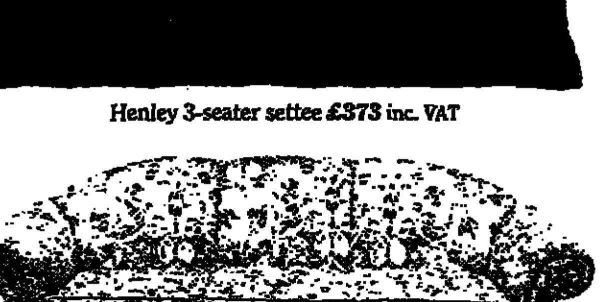
CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: *Mozart (Bassoon Concerto in B flat)* **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Travel Guide: Namibia **8.00** *Evening Concert:* Vienna PO performs Schumann (Piano Concerto); Schubert (Symphony No 9) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Alan Mann

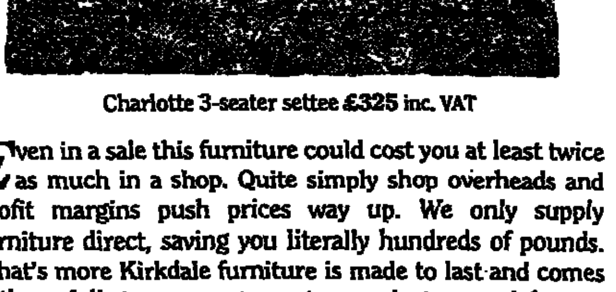
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6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

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Hick's 85 provides Dexter with consolation for Texaco Trophy defeat

Australia draw first one-day blood

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

OLD TRAFFORD (England won toss): Australia beat England by four runs

TED Dexter was watching yesterday's Texaco Trophy launch on television from his hospital bed and his recovery from back surgery will not have been aided, much less his blood pressure. The England chairman saw his side try its best to surrender the game with the ball and then, against mounting odds, contrive to do so with the bat.

Dexter's riposte to all criticism of England's winter failings was that we had at least witnessed the coming of Graeme Hick. He will have been cheered by vindication for his faith, as Hick's assured 85 almost put this game beyond Australia's reach.

But when Hick fell, 65 were still needed from 11 overs and England's last five wickets found the task beyond them. Graham Thorpe played heroically for 31, on his debut, but the final over began with seven still needed and the last pair managed only two.

It had been an undistinguished affair, littered with unforced errors of a type to attract scorn on a village green, until Hick and Neil Fairbrother came together.

Australia should have made 300 against some wayward England bowling. Instead, they collapsed after lunch from 168 for one to 258 for nine, surely not enough on an impeccable pitch. Yet it began to look like comprehensive insurance against defeat as England lost Gooch, Stewart and Smith inside 11 overs.

The capacity crowd fell silent only until Fairbrother, the local hero, appeared at the top of the pavilion steps. They had come fearing he would miss the game through injury but now, they cheered his every move during a stand of 127 in 17 overs with Hick.

The priority of limited-overs cricket is, of course, to entertain by excitement rather than to absorb through excellence. As such, the live and screen audiences may feel they had good value, but there are plenty of players, on both sides, who will be glad of the fact that these games do not live long in the memory.

England entered the match with conflicting statistics. They had won seven of their last eight internationals at home, but lost their last four overseas. Gooch won the toss and favoured the run chase. He may soon have regretted it.

The Australians, apparently unable to decide between Taylor and Hayden as Mark Waugh's opening partner, played them both, Waugh dropping to three and Martyn missing out. On the theory that the best opening pairs form a contrast, the two pugnacious left-handers have nothing going for them but, after a tentative start against Caddick, bowling well within himself on his debut, and Pringle, they cut loose.

Hayden was out unworthily, chasing a wide one from Lewis, but by lunch both Taylor and Waugh were past 50, the power of Taylor's pull matched by the poise of Waugh's on-drive. Eleven woeful overs from Jarvis and Illingworth had cost 69 and the fielding had become ragged.

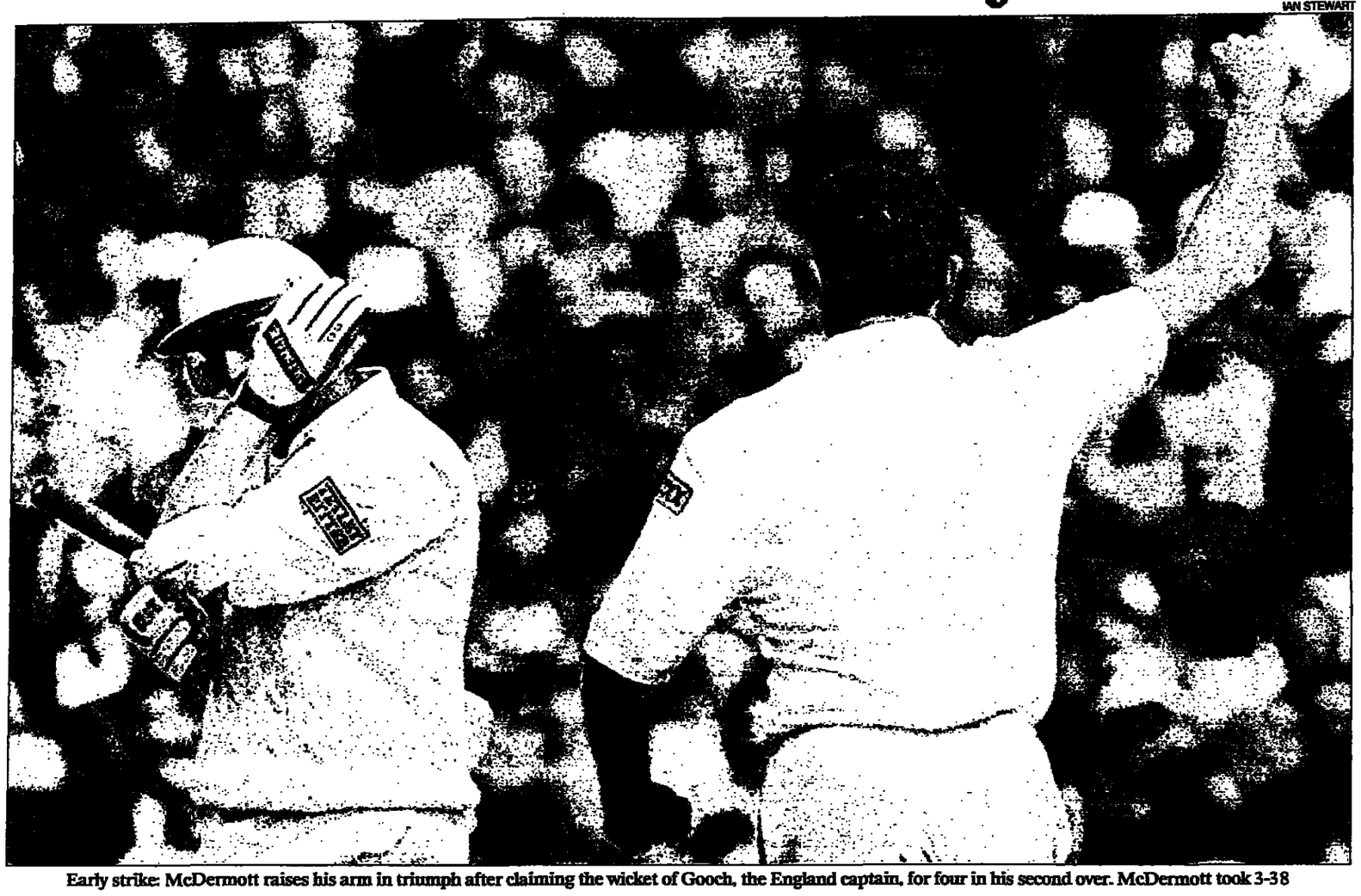
The change came quickly but had more to do with Australian generosity than English merit. In rapid succession, Waugh, Boon and Taylor were all caught by an increasingly disbelieving Fairbrother. Border followed to a catch by Lewis, standing in Fairbrother's place at square-leg while he was briefly off the field.

Four wickets had been lost for 18 runs in seven overs. All of them had come through careless strokes against balls of no obvious threat. Illingworth's day was transformed and from the prospect of nought for plenty he found himself with three for six in one 19-ball spell of eccentricity.

Even with 72 salvaged from the last ten overs, Australia's total looked vulnerable, the more so when Craig McDermott's first ball of the England reply produced four leg-side wides. But McDermott, perhaps stung by his captain's assertion that he is "off the boil", then removed Gooch with the best ball of the match and Smith with an instinctive return catch. Stewart dragged on a wide one from Hughes and England were in the mire.

Hick has gained immeasurably in confidence from his success on tour, not to mention his century against the Australians at Worcester. Fairbrother is always the arch-improviser. They have liaised potently before now and, as long as they were together, England were clear favourites. As soon as they were divided, so the balance shifted.

IAN STEWART



Early strike: McDermott raises his arm in triumph after claiming the wicket of Gooch, the England captain, for four in his second over. McDermott took 3-38

AUSTRALIA

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
M L Hayden c Stewart b Lewis *skied sweep to square leg*	29	—	4	61	55
M A Taylor c Fairbrother b Illingworth *edged cut to keeper*	79	—	6	162	126
M E Waugh c Fairbrother b Jarvis *mistimed pull to short mid-wicket*	56	—	5	79	63
D C Boon c Fairbrother b Illingworth *low catch to backward point*	2	—	—	4	6
*A R Border c Lewis b Illingworth *pull straight to mid-wicket*	4	—	—	20	14
S R Waugh c and b Lewis *ankle-height catch*	27	—	4	42	30
†I A Healy c Thorpe b Caddick *mistimed hook to deep midwicket*	20	—	3	20	21
M G Hughes b Lewis *yorker*	20	1	1	23	13
P R Reiffel run out (Stewart) *direct hit*	2	—	—	8	3
C J McDermott not out	3	—	—	3	2
T B A May not out	1	—	—	1	1
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 2, nb 4)	15				
Total (9 wkts, 219 min, 55 overs)	258				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60 (Taylor 28), 2-168 (Taylor 73), 3-171 (Taylor 74), 4-178 (Border 2), 5-186 (S Waugh 5), 6-219 (S Waugh 18), 7-237 (Hughes 5), 8-354 (Hughes 20), 9-255 (McDermott 3).

BOWLING: Caddick 11-1-50-1 (w1, nb1) (6-1-28-0, 3-0-11-0, 2-0-13-1); Pringle 10-3-36-0 (nb1) (7-3-11-0, 2-0-9-0, 1-0-16-0); Lewis 11-1-54-3 (nb1) (6-0-24-1, 5-1-30-2); Jarvis 11-0-55-1 (nb1) (5-0-36-0, 6-0-19-1); Illingworth 11-0-48-3 (one spell); Hick 1-0-8-0 (w1).

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Min	Ball
*G A Gooch c M E Waugh b McDermott *Edged swinging ball to second slip*	—	—	—	13	14
†A J Stewart b Hughes *Dragged wide ball onto stumps*	22	0	2	37	20
R A Smith c and b McDermott *Hard drive picked up at ankle height*	9	0	0	37	26
G A Hick b Reiffel *Hit over well pitched up ball*	85	1	8	144	102
N H Fairbrother c Reiffel b S R Waugh *Sliced hook to mid-wicket*	59	1	5	102	89
G P Thorpe c Taylor b McDermott *Sliced drive to mid-off*	31	—	3	65	38
C C Lewis run out (S R Waugh) *Drive touched on to non-striker's wicket*	4	—	—	13	12
D R Pringle c Taylor b S R Waugh *Outside edge to third man*	6	—	1	11	10
R K Illingworth run out *Mix-up over second run*	12	—	—	14	26
P W Jarvis c Reiffel b S R Waugh *Slyer to deep mid-on*	2	—	—	7	4
A R Caddick not out	1	—	—	6	4
Extras (lb 6, w 9, nb 2)	19				
Total (55 overs)	254				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11 (Stewart 1), 2-38 (Smith 4), 3-44 (Hick 1), 4-171 (Hick 67), 5-194 (Thorpe 5), 6-211 (Thorpe 17), 7-227 (Thorpe 26), 8-240 (Illingworth 7), 9-247 (Illingworth 11).

BOWLING: McDermott 11-2-38-3 (7-2-23-2, 4-0-15-1) (nb2, w3); Hughes 9.5-1-40-1 (6-1-20-1, 3-0-19-0); May 11-2-40-0 (one spell); Reiffel 11-0-83-1 (4-0-31-0, 7-0-32-1) (nb1); M E Waugh 2-0-12-0 (one spell); S R Waugh 10-0-53-3 (one spell) (nb1, w3).

Matthews beats Bates on day of surprises

JEREMY Bates, the British tennis No 1, playing for the David Lloyd Club, Raynes Park, was beaten 6-2, 6-1 in 65 minutes by the British No 14, Lawrence Matthews, playing for Winchester, in the Everest National Club League premier division match at the Raynes Park club yesterday.

Bates lost seven games in a row and, to add insult to injury, was given a code violation for racket abuse before succumbing 6-1 in the second set.

Bates recovered his composure to win his doubles match, which helped the Raynes Park club to draw the match 3-3 and win it on countback, 7-6.

In another upset, Valdez Lake, playing for Edgbaston Priory, beat Shirley Ann Siddall 6-2, 6-3, but could not prevent the Birmingham club losing on countback, 7-6, to Banbury West End.

☐ Andrés Gómez, the former French Open champion, has decided to retire from professional tennis, ending a career that has earned him more than $4 million in prize-money. Gomez, 33, announced his decision at a news conference on Tuesday in his home town of Guayaquil, the largest city in Ecuador and its principal port.

"After 15 years as a professional and eight years as an amateur I have decided to retire from competition in the Davis Cup and the Association of Professional Tennis Players," Gómez said.

He said he plans to teach in a tennis school he owns in Guayaquil and to participate in charity tournaments for players over 30. Gómez said it was "a difficult decision" but was necessary because his "mental and physical reflexes are no longer the same".

He said what he will miss most is competing in the Davis Cup before his home-town supporters. Gómez, considered one of his country's greatest players, is the only Ecuadorean to have won a grand slam singles title, the 1990 French Open at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

He also won the 1988 French Open men's doubles title, with Emilio Sánchez, of Spain, and the 1986 United States Open doubles title with Slobodan Zivojinovic. Gómez won 21 singles titles after turning professional in 1979.

McDermott blow opens old wound for Gooch



Taylor: commanding

Andrew Longmore sees Australia take the initiative in one-day match and give some pointers for Ashes campaign this summer

For all their spectacular and instant entertainment, one-day internationals are a bit like hangovers. They remind you that something happened the day before, even though the details have become a little hazy. But every now and then, amid the frothy lemonade in the opening match of the Texaco Trophy series yesterday, a drop of the hard stuff emerged. A reminder of acquaintances not forgotten and of battles yet to come.

Be it cricket or tortoise-racing, England v Australia has a sporting tradition all its own and, though history suggests that losing the one-day series is the key to a successful summer, by September Australia's last-gasp victory might yet be invested with greater significance than either captain was prepared to give it yesterday.

Craig McDermott, for one, will be happy with his day's work. Struggling for fitness and form after an operation for a groin injury early in the year, the Queenslander was suitably antagonised by the sight of the old enemy in general, and Graham Gooch, in particular. Clearly, no one had told him that the result was irrelevant.

Gooch was equally aware of the moment. In the last Texaco Trophy series against Australia, he fell to Terry Alderman twice and, though he scored 136 the second time, was so tormented by the Australian for the rest of the summer, "Gooch lbw b Alderman" was pre-printed on the scorecards by the last Test.

Yesterday, McDermott drew first blood, having the England captain caught by Mark Waugh at first slip from one which bounced and straightened. Moments later, he whipped one back through Robin Smith's defences so sharply Healy had to dive full length to his left to make the stop. Hands on hips, zinc nose glistening in the sunshine, McDermott did not have to clarify his message.

England at least began the summer aggressively, not just giving Andrew Caddick his international debut, but having the confidence to give him the first over as well. The sages felt he should not be risked so early in a long summer, but the tall New Zealand born right-armer let no one down, bowling sensibly to line and length without unduly troubling Mark Taylor.

With Taylor well set and working his way towards what seemed an inevitable century, Caddick decided to use his 6ft 5in frame to full effect, the ball leaping from just short of a length and hitting the Australian on the glove. He will remember that one.

Apart from a rollicking stand of 127 between between Little and Large, Fairbrother and Hick, which laid the foundation of England's reply, the rest was eminently forgettable. Border, certainly, will want to put Australia's lamentable middle-order collapse behind him and some uncharacteristically sloppy fielding. For the winning captain, a first notch on the belt; for the loser, inconsequential defeat.

That is the way with these occasions, though a brimful Old Trafford just enjoyed the sunshine and the bonhomie and cared little for the morrow. With 514 runs and 19 wickets, there was drama enough for one day.

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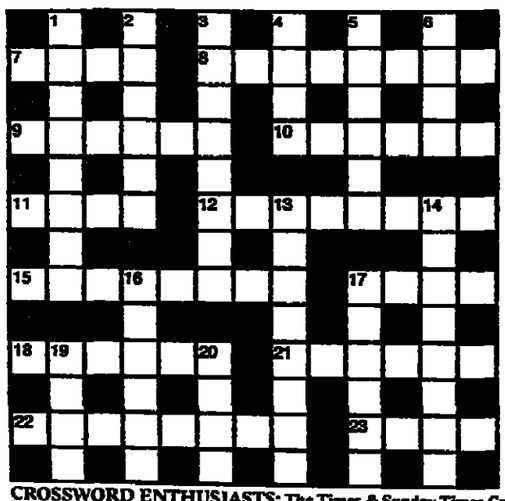
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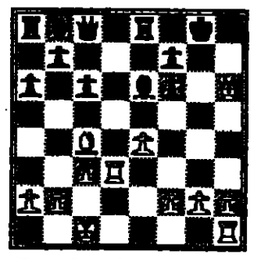
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This position is from the game Degraeve — Boudre, France 1987. White has opened up the black king and would like to introduce a rook into the attack. However, it looks as though the black bishops are defending the critical entry squares. Is this so?



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

PURGA
a. Sprinkler of holy water
b. A blizzard
c. The Roman goddess of baths

LOUIS
a. A heel
b. A game of patience
c. A four-horse carriage

SPUMONI
a. Ice-cream desert
b. Floating seaweed
c. A disease of the lung

DAGERAAD
a. A brilliant sea-fish
b. A Dutch boat
c. Melodramatic hamming

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